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TUNIS (AP) — Israeli peace activist Abie Nathan, twice jailed in Israel for meeting Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, said Friday the climate was favourable to move Arab-Israeli peace talks forward and he had offered his help. Mr. Nathan, who met with Mr. Arafat again Thursday, declined to give details about his mission in Tunis but said he is trying to bridge the gap in the deadlocked negotiations. He said his talks with Mr. Arafat focused on the 20-month-old talks and were "very useful," he said: "I am here trying to narrow the gap, and believe the climate is favour-

Bomb kills 1, wounds 4 in Cairo

CAIRO (AFP) — A time bomb exploded Friday in a Cairo neighbourhood, killing one person and wounding four others, Egypt's official MENA news agency reported. MENA said the explosion occurred in the poor and densely populated neighbourphood of Shubra and that ambulances had rushed to the scene to take the wounded to hospitals. Witnesses earlier reported an explosion and fire at a bus station along a main avenue in Shubra. There was no immediate indication who was behind the explosion, but Muslim militant groups have carried out many bombings as part of a campaign to topple the secular government of President Hosni Mubarak.

Gonzalez seeks Basque help

MADRID (AFP) — Spanish Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez asked the Basque Nationalist Party (PNV) to join a coalition government Friday, PNV leader Xavier Arzalluz said here following a meeting with Mr. González. Mr. Arzalluz said his party, which won five seats in parliament in general elec would study the proposal, but he was "not very keen on the idea." The announcement came only a day after Jordi Pujol, president of the Catalan nationalist Convergence and Union (CiU) party, revealed that Mr. Gonzalez had invited his party to help form the new government during talks Wednesday. The Catalan nationalists won 17 seats in the elections, exactly the number which the Socialist Workers Party (PSOE) needs for an absolute majority, having returned 159 de-

Iraq urges world to free \$10m

BAGHDAD (AFP) - Iraq Friday urged Muslim and other countries to release \$10 million in frozen Iraqi assets so Baghdad can print millions of copies of the Koran. "We urge the world community, especially Islamic countries, to intervene to release \$10 million in Iraqi assets frozen abroad so we can print the Koran," Education Minister Hikmat Al Bazzaz told the official press. This amount is "needed to import paper and material for printing 5.5 million copies of the Koran," said Mr. Bazzaz. The foreign ministry has sent messages to the secretaries general of the Organisation fo the Islamic Conference, Hamid Al Gabid, and the Arab League, Esmat Abdul Meguid, asking them to press for the release of the funds.

Anti-AIDS drive in occupied lands

OCCUPIED IERUSALEM (AFP) - Palestinians are launching an anti-AIDS campaign in the Israeli-occupied territories where 16 of them have the disease and nine others carry the virus that causes it, a Palestinian doctor said Friday. Mustapha Barguti, who heads the first such study in the occupied territories. said sixteen men, seven women and two children living in the occupied West Bank, Gaza Strip and East Jerusalem either had the disease or the virus. During a conference this week at Bir Zeit University in the West Bank participants agreed to launch an AIDS information campaign. In addition, Palestinian hospitals which are under the control of the Israeli military administration may now give AIDS tests. The Israeli health ministry has recorded 227 Israelis sick with AIDS since 1985, including 154 who have died, and 1,010 who have the human immunedeficiency virus.



U.S. President Bill Clinton escorts His Majesty King Hussein through the White House Friday (AFP photo)

King, Clinton meet at White House U.S. president 'very, very impressed' with Jordan's economic reforms, democratisation and role in Mideast peace process

Combined agency dispatches

WASHINGTON — His Majesty King Hussein Friday met with U.S. President Bill Clinton in their first meeting after the Democrat assumed office at the White House in

King Hussein said although progress was made in the 19month-old Middle East peace process, a key topic for his discussions with Mr. Clinton, but "we're still a long way from getting there.'

President Clinton, who has promised to play a personal role in the Arab-Israeli peace talks co-sponsored by the U.S. and Russia, paid tribute to Jordan's economic reforms and democratisation process as well as its contribution to the

"I'm very, very impressed by the progress which has been made in Jordan. ... economic reforms and democracy," he said. "I am also very grateful for (Jordan's) support for the

peace process...."
The U.S. "will do what it can" to advance the peace process, the president promised during a brief question and session with the King and himself prior to their meeting.

The King's talks, details of which were not immediately available, were expected to have focused on Jordanian-American relations, the peace process and the latest developments in the Middle East, Jordan Television reported.

The meeting, which included a working lunch, was held at the Oval Office and attended by U.S. Secretary of State

Warren Christopher and Mr. Clinton's National Security Advisor Anthony Blake as well as Jordan's Prime Minister Abdul Salam Al Majali and His Royal Highness Prince Talal Ben Mohammad, the

King's military secretary. The King, who will meet with American congressmen and influential leaders during his week-long stay in the U.S., told reporters that "some possible ground" had been covered in the peace talks.

"We're still a long way from getting there, but there is no alternative," he said during the Oval Office encounter with the press. "I believe we must do everything. We cannot let the moment pass."

He expressed hope that the Palestinians would be "able to speak for themselves and contribute their share in shaping the peace that is comprehensive, and that is so very, very important to all of us.

The King said in replying to a question that he did not know whether Israel would accept a Palestinian state, but that "people on either side of the divide feel that this is a moment, and are determined to continue to move ahead until (there is) a comprehensive, just peace that future

generations can enjoy." It is the first formal visit to the U.S. by the King after the Gulf crisis, which strained bilateral relations, and comes in response to an official invitation from President Clinton.

After Washington, the King will travel to Rochester, Minnesota, where he will undergo routine medical check-ups

U.S. role 'enhanced' The United States' "quality of engagement is enhanced" in the 10th round of bilateral Middle East peace talks, a

State Department official said Describing U.S. involvement as "extremely active," the source told the AFP: "We have been working very closely with all the parties ... no one

has complained to us directly."

The official emphasised that Washington "can only work with what the parties give us we can build bridges over rivers. We cannot build bridges over oceans."

The talks, which recessed Thursday, were scheduled to resume Tuesday (see story below). U.S. consultations would continue Monday, the State Department official said.

Arabs say Israel blocking progress in peace talks

WASHINGTON (Agencies) -Arab negotiators have accused Israel of blocking progress in the Middle East peace talks, which they said made virtually no headway in the first week of the current round of negotiations.

"The gap seems to be bigger every day," the deputy chief of the Palestinian delegation, Saeb

Erakat, said Thursday. Israel's approach, he said, was negotiation."

Dr. Erakat said Israel's stand on Jerusalem was leading the talks down a dead-end road. making discussion about an Arab role in the city pointless.

However, Israeli negotiators said it was the Arabs' fault if the talks had made no porgress. A source close to the Israeli delegation charged the Palesti-

nians with stalling the talks by making unrealistic demands, particularly on the fate of Jerusalem. Three working groups met Thursday in the bilateral talks with Palestinians — one devoted to drawing up of a list of common principles, another to water and

man rights in the occupied terri-

land rights and the third to hu-

Tuesday of the tenth round of its members on developments on Israeli-Arab negotiations. The talks, which are expected

to last three weeks, are to resume weekend and a Muslim holiday

The Syrian-Israeli negotiations have been snagged over the

There has been "no progress authority" to discuss withdrawal from the occupied territories, Mr.

Mr. Allaf of Syria said the United States-could save the current round by intervening "but not on behalf of one party.'

Washington had not yet provided details about the so-called "security arrangements" it might be years, to produce results, willing to offer to guarantee an agreement on the Golan.

This would not necessarily mean deployment of American troops," he said, but a guarantee that might remove any Israeli doubts about returning the Golan

Prime Minister Abdul Salam Syria's chief negotiator Mouaf- Al Majali met Thursday with the fak Allaf said there had been "no Jordanian delegation to the peace done with.

progress at all" since the start negotiations and was briefed by the Jordanian-Israeli track of the negotiations.

Dr. Majali was also briefed by Tuesday, breaking for the heads of the temporary nonofficial working groups on the sues discussed between Jordanian and Israeli negotiators.

Dr. Majali, who is accompanying His Majesty King Hussein on his visit to Washington, told reitself to full withdrawal. We were that the negotiators continued informed that they do not have what they started in the ninth round of talks, saying the working groups were trying to draft an agenda for the topics they will

"We cannot say that there was progress in the negotiations since things are as they were in the past The Syrian negotiator said round," Dr. Majali said, adding that the work of the sub-groups will take a long time, maybe

The Arab parties, he said, did not decide yet to keep the negotiations going incessantly and will discuss the issue when all the Arab-Israeli negotiating tracks produce results.

Chief Jordanian negotiator Fayez Al Tarawneh denied that issues listed on the agenda of the Jordanian-Israeli track are almost

Jordan welcomes Bosnian refugees

By P.V. Vivekanand Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - Nearly 200 physically or psychologically scarred Bosnian Muslim refugees arrived here early Friday and were settled in a furnished school building in the Joffeh neighbourhood overlooking downtown Amman.

The group of 182 men, women and children from 31 families was flown to Amman from the Croatian capital. Zaghreb, aboard a chartered Royal Jordanian aircraft. A similar flight on Sunday bring in the rest of the 420 refugees that Jordan will host pending an end to the strife among the splinter republics of

ter was initiated by His Maiesty King Hussein, who, in a March 20 letter to leaders of Arab and Muslim countries, called for immediate action to end the conflict in former

believe that what is happening

"That (plan) was engineered by dominating powers and their allies to stand up to

former Yugoslavia. Twenty-one of the arrivals were immediately hospitalised for treatment; four of them suffer from severe neurotic

problems, said officials of the Jordanian Hashemite Charitable Organisation, chaired by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, who personally received the group at the airport at 3 a.m. (see separate story). The move to fly the refugees to Jordan for temporary shel-

Yugoslavia.
"Since Islam is the religion of forgiveness, coexistence and fraternity, the unjustified drive in attacking Islamic groups and landmarks for political or ethnic reasons or because of historical differences made one

could be part of a multidimensional plan.

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gent said, addressing to press at Amman airport while receiving a group of Bosnian refugees. "International double stan-

AMMAN — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the

Regent, Friday reiterated Jor-

dan's call on the international

where in former Yugoslavia.

Herzegovina or elsewhere in former Yugoslavia," the Re-

dards are continuing," he said.

"We are afraid that when the

(U.N.) Security Council wakes

up it will be too late... (since)

the conflict would have spread to other areas of Yugoslavia."
In the meantime, "it is our moral duty to host these fami-

action to end ex-Yugoslav conflict

community to adopt forceful lies which have suffered the action to end the conflict in worsening situation and the tragedies in their country."
The Jordan Hashemite Bosnia-Herzegovina and else-Charity Organisation has re-ceived offers of material help "The international community is not doing much to address the situation in Bosnia-

His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, early Friday greets Bosalan refug

Regent reiterates call for world

and services from many Jordamian citizens to assist the refugees, the Regent said. The arrival of the Bosnians does not mean their "migra-

tion" to Jordan, the Crown Prince said. "Their stay in Jordan will be temporary and we are hosting them in line with an agreement made with the government of Bosnia-Herzegovina."

The Regent recalled that

since 1980 Jordan had been calling for an "international humanitarian order," which will include means to protect and address the plight of civilians caught in armed conflict.

"The international order cannot and will not materialise unless we link human rights and humanitarian perspectives," he said and referred to the continuing plight of the Palestinian people suffering under Israeli occupation.

"Forced migration will not and cannot resolve the problem," said the Crown Prince. The Regent said Jordan, a "country small in size and resources," was proud of what it had done and was doing what it could to help the Bosnians.

Timing, aims of release of report on Jordan-Iraq ties seen 'fishy'

By Nermeen Murad Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - Jordan Friday questioned the timing and aims of American press reports published Thursday which attempted to open "an old file" on Jordanian-Iraqi relations during the Gulf The U.S. State Department,

on the other hand, responded to those reports by saying that they gave no new information that would "lead us to reopen an investigation that during the Gulf war Jordan shared U.S., allied and Israeli intelligence with Iraq." The press reports, which

appeared in at least three American newspapers and carried by a major U.S. news agency, claimed that newly-released classified information from a congressional report "confirmed" that Jordan was simultaneously receiving American military aid and helping Iraq with United States military and intelligence assistance.

Minister of State for Prime Ministry Affairs Jawad Anani. described the press reports as "a repetition of old claims which are groundless." He said the Kingdom was getting used to "people who are influenced by pro-Israeli lobby to issue statements like this

at certain times." Dr. Anani also said that the timing of the press reports a month after the information was declassified indicates that it "was timed" to coincide with His

Clinton Friday. Other Jordanian sources famil-

iar with the workings of the press in the U.S. described the timing of the press reports as "fishy. The sources also added that while the press reports implied that the information was implicating Jordan in clandestine dealings, "Congress is aware of Jordan's true activities and is not upset with us."

reiterated by Michael McCurry, the State Department spokesman, who told reporters Thursday that the former administration of President George Bush had "made a very exhaustive analysis of that information ... and the result of all that is that there was no evidence to verify these reports."

The report, prepared by General Accounting Office (GAO) — an investigative arm of Congress — was declassified a month ago at the request of Democrat Congressman David Obey, chairman of the Foreign Operations Sub-Committee of the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee who had been following the issue since September of last year when it first became apparent that Congress was being misled about aid

to the Kingdom. What it revealed, according to a copy of the declassified report made available to the Jordan

Majesty King Hussein's sche-duled meeting with President Bill been given misinformation by the is administration concerning the delivery of military equipment to the government of Jor-

> It added that while during debate on the Gulf war in March of 1991, legislative amendments were offered to cut off military aid to Jordan because of its 'statements in support of Iraq.' But "on the basis of adminis-

tration assurances that the presi-This sentiment was further dent on his own initiative had cut off all military aid to Jordan, members of the House and the Senate supported administrative efforts to modify legislative language to permit presidential discretion in providing aid to Jor-

dan," the GAO report added. The report adds that the Bush administration misled Congress about Jordan's help to Iraq by saying that shipments of U.S. military equipment to Jordan had been stopped when actually they continued during the war.

According to the report, U.S. intelligence agencies "confirmed" that Jordan and Iraq cooperated in several ways during the war. The report says Jordan provided Iraq with allied and Israeli intelligence, sold Iraq military spare parts and provided access to U.S. technology. In addition, the report says, the two countries conducted joint military

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Miyazawa dissolves parliament after shock no-confidence vote

TOKYO (Agencies) - The Japanese government dissolved parliament Friday in the wake of its shock defeat in a confidence vote over political corruption.

Live television showed an emissary from the palace entering the chamber bearing the formal notice of dissolution signed by Emperor Akihito.

A general election must now be held within 40 days.

Mr. Miyazawa, who stepped down as finance minister amid a stocks-for-favours scandal in 1988, was slapped Friday with a no-confidence vote in parliament for his "lack of leadership."

Mr. Miyazawa failed to deliver on his promise to pass four political reform bills, designed to diminish the influence of money in politics, during the current session of parliament ending on

the bills were introduced in as saying during a brief cabinet larch after former (LDP) king-taker Shin Kanemaru, who Mr. Kono, who was speaking March after former (LDP) kingmaker Shin Kanemaru, who ing empire and concealing dona-

tions from contractors. In December, Mr. Kanemaru sums of taxes.

A political analyst said the greater its economic power, the more Japan is hit by other countries as a "target of reproach" due to the corruptible nature of the LDP, which has been in

power since 1955. "We decided today to dissolve the house of representatives in order to seek the judgement of the people," Chief Cabinet Secretary Yohei Kono quoted Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa

helped bring Mr. Miyazawa to at a hastily called news conferpower in October 1991, was ence at Mr. Miyazawa's official charged with receiving illegal residence, did not say when the largess from a mob-linked truck-But reports said the date would be discussed by Mr. Miyazawa and senior officials of the Liberal was charged with evading huge Democratic Party (LDP) at a

meeting early Saturday morning. "Talks between ruling and opposition parties on how to pursue political reform have failed to find common ground," Mr. Mivazawa said, referring to the opposition's motive for introduc-

ing the censure motion Thursday.

"As the no-confidence vote has passed. I have taken it upon myself to revitalise and rebuild public trust to cope with changing circumstances at home and abroad," the prime minister said.



The parliament erupted in jubilant cheers from the opposition and dissident camps an hour earlier as Speaker Yoshio Sakurauchi announced the results of the vote: 255 supporting the motion and 220 against.

At least 57 members of the LDP were reported to have either crossed the floor or abstained for the vote. Most were from the rebel LDP faction led by former Finance Minister Tsutomu Hata who commands 35 seats in the

Ghali, Aziz meet im Geneva Tuesday

UNITED NATIONS (Agencies)
— Secretary-General Boutros Ghali will raise possible oil sales by Iraq and other controversial issues when he meets Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tareq Aziz next week. U.N. sources said.

Iney said Dr. Ghali would speak about Iraq selling limited quantities of oil, which the Security Council had authorised so Bagindad could pay for humanita-rian supplies and other U.N. expenses.

But they said it was unlikely Dr. Ghali would get a positive scheduled for Tuesday in Gene-

Mr. Aziz in turn, is expected to ask for the easing or lifting of trade santions, imposed by the U.N. Security Council shortly after Beghdad's troops invaded Kuwait in August 1990.

This depends on a clear bill of health from U.N. weapons inspectors that Iraq has destroyed all its arms and consented to future U.N. monitoring of its weapons potential, which appears unlikely in the near future.

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The final decision for easing senctions would depend on the Security Council, which adopted resolutions in August and September of 1991 permitting one-time oil sales for up to \$1.6 billion for humanitarian supplies. .Iraq so far has refused the

conditions, saying the monitoring of selling the oil and how the proceeds could be spent were too Other issues likely to be raised include the latest clash with Iraq

on weapons after Iraq rejected U.N. cameras at missile test sites near Bachdad. Iraq is also not responding to a U.N. demand for the destruction

of chemical production machin-

ery, saying it can be used to manufacture pesticides. A technical team from Iraq may come to New York on July 12 to discuss some of the outstanding issues and see how Security Council resolutions can be implemented, including documentation of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction and plans for long-term U.N. monitoring of its

arms potential.

If the team does come, a highlevel meeting between U.N. officiais and Iraqi authorities could follow in Baghdad on how Iraq

could move forward in complying with its obligations. But U.N. sources said next month's meeting might not take

piace if ongoing conflicts with veapons inspectors in Iraq per-

The Geneva meeting with Dr. duled on July 12.

Ghali was requested by Mr. Aziz before the U.N. chief left New York on an extensive trip to Europe and North Africa.

Dr. Ghali has been in Vienna this week for a U.N. human rights conference. He went to Kiev, the Ukrainian capital, on Thursday and flies to Geneva over the weekend.

A team of United Nations arms experts decided to extend their stay in Iraq for a third week Friday to wait for Iraq's permission to install cameras at two missile test sites close to Bagh-

Senior U.N. inspector Nikitas Smidovitch said he would further extend his trip, which was originally expected to last a week, in the hope of getting a "positive response" from Baghdad to allow him to proceed with camera in-

"I have heard nothing positive from the Iraqis," Mr. Smidovitch told Reuters Friday. "My instruc-

tions are to wait."

Mr. Smidovitch and four other missile specialists arrived in Baghdad on June 4 to monitor

Iraqi ballistic missile potential. They brought with them two highly sensitive, remote-control cameras which they intended to install at missile test sites at Yawm Al Azim and Al Rafah, 65 kilometres south and southwest of the capital.

The remote cameras would let U.N. staff keep permanent watch on missile tests from offices in

Iraq objected to their installation and Mr. Smidovitch and his team say they will wait until they are put in place.

The matter is now with the Security Council," he said. Mr. Smidovitch said he was spending his additional time inspecting declared and undeclared

weapons sites in Iraq.
Iraqi officials declined to comment on the current confrontation and the Baghdad press has been silent so far.

The United Nations says the

cameras are needed to check that Baghdad is not producing missiles with a range of more than 150 kilometres (90 miles), in keeping with the ceasefire terms of the Gulf war. The Iraqis want talks with the

U.N. Special Commission (UN-ESCOM) in charge of its disarmament before allowing the cameras to be installed. Baghdad has asked the U.N. to

delay the camera installation, saying it wants an overall discus-



RISING PRICES: A Palestinian boy holds a donkey during bidding at the weekly Shajaiya animal market in the occupied Gaza Strip. The

price of donkeys has skyrocketed in the Gaza Strip since Israel sealed off the occupied territories at the end of March (AFP photo)

Arab-Americans, Muslims protest newspaper report on 'terror' group

By Rosalind Mandine Murphy

WASHINGTON (USIA) - The American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC), the American Muslim Council (AMC), and other inter-faith and Arab American groups, are protesting an article pub-lished in a local Washington paper they say is defamatory to all

The article "Hamas Among Us?" which appeared in the May 28 issue of the local weekly City Paper, looks into allegations that the Islamic fundamentalist group Hamas sponsors terrorism and maintains a terrorist network in the northern Virginia suburbs of Washington which is supported by the local Muslim community.

Representatives from the ADC, AMC, Council of Imamas of Washington, D.C., the Association of Arab-American University Graduates, North American Council of Muslim Women, and the Interfaith Council of Metropolitan Washington condemned the article during a June 16 press conference at the National Press Club.

The organisations are calling for a meeting with the paper's editor, for an apology, and a retraction of the article, among other steps. At present, City Paper Editor Jack Shafer has refused to meet with the ADC. The paper has published a letter from the ADC protesting the article.

many of the earlier Israeli allegations in a tabloid-fashion." Albert Mokhiber, president of

Rev. Clark Lobenstine, director of the Interfaith Council of Metropolitan Washington, said the article is full of "innuendoes" and "mistakes" and has created "an atmosphere that is harsh on Muslims and Arab Americans."

Mr. Mokhiber said the local Muslim and Arab-American communities take particular exception to the City Paper's cover page accompanying the article. The cover page displays a photograph of Interstate Highway 95 which has been doctored to show an exit sign reading "95 South --Islamic Terrorism Centre.

"Most people who simply see the cover photo and headline are left with the impression that indeed Hamas, and by the City Paper's definition, terrorism, are among us," Mr. Mokhiber said. Rev. Lobenstine said the photograph connects Islam to a terrorism, which is a "serious disservice to Islam.

The Muslim and Arab American communities also take exception to how a local mosque is portrayed in the article. "Worshipers at the Dar Al-Hijrah mosque in Falls Church, Virginia, are portrayed in the article as supporters of Hamas, Mr. Mokhiber said. A caption to a photograph of worshipers at the mosque states "the faithful at Dar Al Hijrah pray for peace, but also

pray for Hamas. Sharifa Al Khateeb, director of in the area, he said. no new news but simply rehashed

the North American Council for Muslim Women, pointed out that the article does state that "the faithful at Dar Al Hijrah oppose terrorism, explicitly condemn it. and offer no support for Hamas other than the most decent and noble prayers for mercy and char-

However, she added, because this sentence does not appear until half-way through the third page of the article, damage has been done to the Muslim community. Because many readers often do not get past the first page, the article leavers "the clear impression that Hamas is a terrorist organisation and that Dar Al Hijrah mosque is some-bow connected to it," she said.

The article also makes unsubstantiated links between Hamas and a local Arabic radio station and the killing of CIA employees outside its headquarters in Langley, Virginia, among other charges, Mr. Mokhiber said. Imam G.N. Kashif, chairman

of the Council of Imams, said the article is a "misrepresentation of a people, their religion, and a way of life." He said the article has already provoked hate calls and threats against Muslims in northern Virginia and Washington, D.C.

Mr. Mokhiber said the Muslim and Arab American communities are calling for more than an apology to the article. The City Paper should publish "an expose on the real Muslim community

effects of low-level radiation re-

risk and ensures against long, constant exposure. Last January, however, a U.S. General Accounting Office report found the army inadequately educated its soldiers to uranium

dust hazards.

says it "prudently" assumes some

After Dr. Hoskins, in January publicly urged the U.N. Environment Programme to investigate. the Kenya-based agency took up the cause, writing to other U.N. organisations and the Iraqi and Kuwaiti governments for information, and saying it was "concerned about the danger these shells may present to hu-

man health.' It still awaits a request from Iraq or Kuwait for a U.N. fact-finding mission, a Kuwait embassy spokesman in Washington, Raed Al Rifai, would say only that the U.S. debate over de-pleted uranium "has heightened the interest of my government." Efforts by the AP to obtain official Iraqi comment were unsuc-

Catholic, **Orthodox** prelates in unity talks

BALAMAND, Lebanon (AP) - Roman Catholic and Orthodox prelates from around the world opened a six-day conclave in the ancient monastery of Balamand Friday to probe ways of bridging Christianity's earliest schism.

The talks are co-sponsored by Pope John Paul II, head of the Roman Catholic Church, and Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomeus of Constantinople, the head of the Orthodox hierarchy.

The 37 prelates present, most of them in black flowing robes. make up the joint international commission for theological dia-logue between the Catholic and Orthodox churches.

They went into closed-door deliberations to continue their efforts started 15 years ago to resolve the doctrinal differences that split Christianity into its two main branches in the fifth century.

None of the Christian Protestant chruches founded after the 16th century are participating in the dialogue at Balamand, a spacious 800-year-old stone compound perched on a pine wooded bluff in north Lebanon overlooking the Mediterra-

The conclave secretariat said the results of the dialogue would be announced at a news conference Wednesday.

Cardinal Edward Cassidy, chief of the papal Council for Christian Unity Affairs, heads the Catholic delegation. He is assisted by bishops from Italy, Australia, the United States, France, Germany, Holland, Belgium, Poland, Romania, Austria and Lebanon. The Orthodox side is led by

Metropolitan Stylianos, the archbishop of Australia, aided by bishops from Constantinople, Alexandria, Antioch, Russia, Romania, Cyprus, Poland, Albania and Finland. The current meeting of the

joint commission is the first held in Lebanon, a country recuperating from 15 years of civil war.

The choice of Lebanon for a

venue appeared largely aimed at bolstering the morale of Lebanon's Christians whose traditional hold on power was weakened by the 1975-90 sectarian conflict.

Thousands of Lebanese Christians, both Catholic and Orthodox, left the country during the war. Large numbers continue to leave, feeling insecure among the Muslim majority despite the end of hostilities

two years ago. Cardinal Cassidy and Archbisop Stylianos said in a joint news conference before the opening of the dialogue that its main topic will be the consideration of a draft charter prepared by a sub-committee. They declined to reveal details.

"If we take into consideration the problems accumulating between the two churches over 1,000 years, we believe we have achieved significant progress towards theological rapprochement in the rounds of dialogue held between 1980 and 1988," Archbishop Stylianos said.

"Therefore we are hopeful that this progress will press ahead despite the problems that have crupted in Europe," he added in English.

Cardinal Cassidy regretted the absence of the Orhodox churches of Jerusalem, Greece and Serbia. He said these boycotted the conference, without saying why.

Croatian Catholics of former Yugoslavia are fighting against the country's Orthodox Serbs.

NEWS IN BRIEF

U.S. refutes Arafat on human rights

WASHINGTON (USIA) - State Department spokesman Michael McCurry Thursday released the following statement regarding Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's statement at the U.N. human rights conference in Vienna. The United States objects strongly to charges of a double standard in its policy with respect to human rights. We are proud to be at the forefront of the struggle for human rights and will continue to exert efforts to promote human rights objectives. These were clearly enunciated by Secretary (of State Warren) Christopher in his address to the World onference on Human Rights on June 14. With peace negotiations underway in Washington, now is the time for all parties to work. toward a comprehensive peace settlement and avoid unhelpful and polemical arguments in international fora. A peaceful settlement of the Arab-Israeli dispute is the best means for addressing the human rights problems in the region.

N. Korean envoy denies report

AMMAN (Petra) - North Korean Ambassador in Amman Gun Sok Ung Thursday dismissed reports that his government plans to invite an Israeli delegation to visit Pyongyang for talks on Israeli assitance to Korea in return for suspension of North Korea's arms sales to the Arab World. The Korean official told Petra such news was baseless and accused the media of exploiting the current crisis between his country and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to defame his country. He praised the Jordanian-North Korean relations saying that the North Korean president had extended an official invitation to His Majesty King Hussein to visit

Pan Am jet bombing sentence cut

ATHENS (AFP) - A Palestinian convicted of bombing a Pan Am airliner over Hawai had his sentence cut to 15 years by a Greek appeal court Friday, judicial sources said. Mohammad Rashid Hamdan was sentenced in January last year to 18 years imprisonment by a special court for the 1982 attack in which one person died. The lighter sentence was "more clement but does not change in any way the grounds for the conviction," the source said. "Rashid-Hamdan was found guilty, as in the lower court, of murder and causing severe damage to the Pan Am jet with the bomb he placed on board." However, Bashid-Hamdan and the bomb he placed on board." However, Rashid-Hamdan and the Palestine Liberation Organisation to which he belongs, still protest his innocence, and have vowed to stake the case to Greece's top appeals court. U.S. officials, who want to extradite him, say that at the time of the attack Rashid-Hamdan belonged to the May 15th organisation led by Hussein Al Omari. Under Greek law Rashid-Hamdan, detained in 1988 on false passport charges, will have to serve his sentence in Greece before being expelled.

Moroccan king honours Jewish businessman

RABAT (R) - King Hasson has awarded a decoration to Moroccan Jewish businessman Robert Assaraf in recognition of 33 years service to the kingdom, officials said Friday. The king's principal political adviser, Ahmad Reda Guedira, presented the Wissam Al Arsh award to Assaraf on Thursday on his retirement as general manager of the Omnium Nord Africain (ONA), the largest private enterprise in Morocco. The presentation attended by Prime Minister Mohamamd Karim Lamrani and several cabinet ministers was made in recognitison of Mr. Assaraf's "noble services rendered to the kingdom in functions he has occupied in several departments and in the royal cabinet," the citation said. The royal family is a minority shareholder in ONA which has interest in mining, manufacturing, fisheries, transportation, television, agro-industry and agriculture.

Syrian tries to commit suicide in Cairo

CAIRO (AP) - A Syrian tried to commit suicide Wednesday after airport authorities refused to let him into the country because he was blacklisted. An airport security official said Seifeddin Al Assafy, 32, swallowed 40 tranquilising pills when told he was to be flown to Syria. Airport doctors gave him first aid but suggested he be sent to hospital. Mr. Assafy tried to escape on his way hospital. He was caught and returned to the airport where officials decided to send him back to Istanbul where he had flown in form. The security official, who declined to be further identified, said he did not know whether Mr. Assafy was blacklisted because of political or criminal reasons. He said the Syrian lived in Algeria.

Cleric renews call for Mubarak's overthrow

JERSEY CITY, New Jersey (AFP) — An Egyptian Islamic leader living in the United States since 1990 reiterated Thursday his call for the overthrow of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak. At a press conference at his home near Jersey City, New Jersey, Sheikh Omar Abdul Rahman said: "The removal of the Mubarak regime is a matter that is a must in the Islamic World." He did not recommend violence. Sheikh Abdul Rahman, 55 and blind, called on Washington to end its support for the Egyptian government, saying, "America is going to be held accountable before the whole world." He accused Egyptian authorities of torturing prisoners and Mr. Mubarak of lining his pockets.

Israeli officials feud over Pinochet visit

TEL AVIV (R) -- An Israeli newspaper said Friday the state-owned arms industry and the foreign ministry were wrangling over whether to allow a visit by ex-Chilean military strongman Augusto Pinochet. "The foreign ministry fears an international scandal that would cause profound damage to Israel's image if Pinochet were allowed to visit," the ruling Labour Party's Davar daily said. It said Prime Minister Yithzak Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres would decide in a few days on a defence industry plea to allow a visit by Mr. Pincohet, who retained his role as Chile's army chief when he left the presidency in 1990. The foreign minister rejected Mr. Pinochet's request to visit Israel a few weeks ago, the paper seaid. Spokesmen for Mr. Rabin, Mr. Peres and the defence industry would not confirm or deny the report. Israel is believed to have supplied Chile with arms and secret training programmes after Mr. Pinochet seized power from socialist Salvador Allende in a bloody military coup in 1973.

Tranium 'bullets' endanger civilians in Gulf war zone specific information" about the Gulf situation. more. Hundreds of destroyed Iraquitanks still dot the battlefield. Iraq and Kuwait pose an undenimain unclear, the U.S. military

By Charles J. Hanley The Associated Press

NEW YORK -- The United Nations has quietly begun an inquiry into possible health threats to ezei and Kuwaiti civilians from eranium-loaded U.S. ammunition littering the old Gulf war zone, the Associated Press has

The new interest by the U.N. Environment Programme comes as Congress is investigating whether American soldiers in the 1991 conflict were harmed by the texts, slightly radioactive dust from tank and aircraft cannon rounds made of depleted ura-

The heavy metal, as dartshaped cannon projectiles, penetrates enemy tank armour better than any other material.

The Pentagon says testing of soldiers for exposure to uranium has been negative, and that ill effects are unlikely for civilians living near the battlefronts of the great U.S.-Iraqi tank war. But some critics contend the

depleted uranium remnants in

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able danger.

We're basically dumping our nuclear waste around battlefields of the world. Is this something we want to do?" asked Eric Hoskins. a Canadian physician who does humanitarian work in Iraq. Britain's Atomic Energy Au-

thority first sounded an alarm about depleted uranium immediately after the war. It estimated at least 40 tonnes of the material was left behind and called it a "significant problem." Dr. Hoskins said Iraqi doctors

tell him more and more children are developing unexplained diseases in southern Iraq, and he speculates the ailments may be linked to uranium contamination. But "it's going to be difficult to prove." he said.

For the moment, the World Health Organisation backs up the Pentagon.

Documents obtained by the AP show that, when queried by environment programme officials. the U.N. health body said it doubted the depleted uranium was a hazard. The WHO noted, however, that "we do not have

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Yuri Ryabukhin, a toxicologist at WHO headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, said in an interview that only an on-site investigation could provide definitive answers.

The uncertainties stem in part from the munitions' relative newness — the Gulf war represented their first American use in combat. U.S. Army experts, under congressional orders, are currently wrapping up a five-month study reassessing the handling of that ammunition, and are expected to propose improved con-

Depleted uranium is what's left behind when highly fissionable U235 is extracted from natural uranium for nuclear fuel or weapons.

The Pentagon uses this byproduct for projectiles that are twice as dense as lead and are deadly effective as armour penetrators.

The army says its troops fired off more than 4,200 depleted uranium rounds in Gulf war combat. Anti-tank warpianes were

believed to have fired thousands

When it smashes into an enemy

tank, the depleted uranium burns and ignites the fuel or ammunition inside. The resulting uranium dust, all experts agree, can later cause health problems heavy-metal poisoning, if not radiation poisoning — when in-haled or swallowed in dangerous

"Dangerous" levels remain largely undefined, although some critics suggest that even one inhaled particle could cause illness. either through heavy metal poisoning or radiation.
Several dozen U.S. soldiers

were exposed to such dust after U.S. armoured vehicles were mistakenly hit by "friendly" rounds. The army says none is believed to have ingested dangerous amounts, and tests so far have not found high uranium levels in their

As for skin exposure, the low-level radiation from chunks of depleted uranium is equivalent to background radiation in nature. But since the ultimate health

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Women's integration in development process still lags behind target — Princess Basma

official and non-official efforts to integrate women in the comprehensive development process, the target has not been fully achieved, according to Her Royal Highness Princess Basma.

Chairing a one-day symposium hursday entitled "Towards a National Strategy for Women in lordan," at Mutah University, the Princess said there are still some demands to be met if the woman is to take her full role in the development of her community.

Princess Basma reviewed the objectives of a national strategy for women, saying that it aims to enhance the role of women in all fields given the democratic atmosphere Jordan is enjoying.

She noted that the National Committee on Women's Affairs. which organised the symposium in the southern part of Jordan, has prepared various working papers covering the legislative, economic, political, social, cultural and educational dimensions. which should be the main elements of the proposed strategy.

The symposium seeks to highlight the situation of women in the urban, rural and badia (desert) area, and identify their

Also addressing the symposium was former Deputy Prime Minister and Transport Minister Ali Suheimat, who said that the woman is not only a mother, fa wife and a sister, but also the full partner of the man in building the

Dr. Subeimat called for unleashing the potential and capacities of women and for removing some of the restrictions precluding their full participation in com-

Minister of Social Development Mohammad Al Sugour presocial, economic and educational dimensions of women's life.

Ministry of Education Secretary General Munther Al Masri presented a working paper on the political and legislative dimensions, in which he made reference to some of the legislation in force, saying that they are capable of enhancing women's role in national development.

He highlighted certain aspects that make a strategy for women a pressing need.

The symposium was the third of a series organised by the National Committee for Women's Affairs. The committee is headed by Princess Basma and is comprised of ministers of Planning, Labour, Social Develop-ment, the president of the Civil Service Commission, the secretary general of the Ministry of Education, Taher Hikmat, Amal

Jordan, the president of the Federation of Jordanian Women, a representative of Noor Al Hussein Foundation, a representative of the working women, and a representative of the non-

governmental sector. The symposium formulated a final statement which called for providing job opportunities for women, increasing the number of literacy centres, providing scholarships to girls to pursue their university education, helping excelling girl students to pursue their higher education and setting up public and village libraries and clubs for women and girls to enhance their cultural role.

The symposium was attended by several deputies from the southern region, teaching staff of Mutah University, heads of local councils and government offi-

Expert says parties fall short of reflecting political spectrum

By Sausan Ghosheh

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Jordanian political parties, lacking an attractive political programme and mass following, fall short of reflecting the wide political spectrum of the country and its representatives in Parliament, said Hani Hourani, president of Al Urdun Al Jadid (New Jordan) Research Centre. At lecture Thursday evening at the Abdul Hamid Shoman Foundation, Mr. Hourani said a total of 22 parties are expected to be licensed in time to participate in the next parliamentary elections. Although the number is considered large for Jordan's small population, it is significantly less than the actual number of parties present in this country, which are estimated to exceed 60

Mr. Hourani added. The current licensed parties, according to Mr. Hourani, do not manifest the true strength and the support of the Islamist, centrist, pan-Arab and leftist movements: there are many parties that are either not sufficiently organised to receive a licence or that do not wish to participate in the current political system.

So far, he stressed, the characteristics and traits of political parties, especially the centrist ones, have not been formulated and dissentions are expected to occur; increasing the already large number of parties.

In addition, Mr. hourani said, classifying parties in Jordan is a different task, mainly because many of them are new and need time in order to develop a special

Although most parties label themselves as centrist, he stated that in studying the 19 licensed parties an outline may be drawn

for five political streams. The first and strongest, Mr. Hourani said, is the Islamist stream, which includes two current licensed parties - the Islamic Action Front and Arab Democratic Islamic Movement.

Second, he said, is the conservative/traditional stream with a tribal and rural background." This stream, according to Mr. Hourani, includes five parties - Al Ahd Party, the Jordanian National Alliance, the Awakening Party, Al Watan (Homeland) Party and the Popular Unity Party — the first four of which have a Jordanian base and the fifth, a Palestinian one.

Third, the liberal centrist stream. Mr. Hourani said, represents the upper and upper middle classes and includes three parties - Al Mustakbal Party, the Party for Justice and Progress and the Democratic Arab Unity Party. .

Fourth, he said, is the pan-Arab stream, which so far includes only two parties, the Jordanian Socialist Arab Baath Party, which is seen as being close to the Baath in Iraq, and the Progressive Arab Baath Party, which is seen to be close to its counterpart in Syria.

Fifth, according to Mr. Hourami, is the leftist stream which can be divided into two groups, those with Communist roots - the Jordanian Communist Party, the Jordanian Democratic Socialist and those with Palestinian roots the Jordanian Democratic Popular Unity Party, the Jordanian Democratic People's Party. and the Jordanian Democratic Progressive Party.

Other methods for classifying Jordanian political parties are: old versus new, ideology versus political programmes and Jordanian versus Palestinian, he said. These classifications tend to coin-

For instance, Mr. Hourani said, the new centrist parties are usually programme parties, while the older Islamist, leftist and pan-Arab parties seem to be based around an ideology.

Classifying the parties may serve as a mechanism for differentiating one party from the next, he said, explaining that they "seem" to have similar features, programmes and literature regarding their loyalty to the Arab and Islamic worlds and their commitment to the Palestinian cause and to the strengthening of demo-

These parties, in general, tend to be centralised and focus around individuals, Mr. Hourani asserted. Until today, political parties have not succeeded in drawing in the public; altogether party membership composes less than one per cent of the society. Women, in particular, he said, except for leftist parties, are virtually absent from the political scene.

The alienation of political parties has both historical and recent causes, Mr. Hourani asserted.

Party and the Freedom Party - Historically, he said, parties have received negative propaganda and were continuously slandered. In addition, according to Mr. Hourani, party members were subject to imprisonment and

harassment. Recently, despite the legalisation of political parties, they continue to be looked down upon and are not given, by the authorities, the same level of import-

ance as other institutions, he said. In addition, the parties have also failed in changing their negative image and in presenting themselves as necessary for the political process, Mr. Hourani maintained.

The absence of popular political programmes, the alienation of some parties from the problems of the society and the difficulty in differentiating between the present parties are other reasons for the lack of mass following.

Mr. Hourani concludes by stating that the representation of these parties in the upcoming Parliament will depend mainly on the election law used at the time.

But, he added that "no matter what the outcome of the election will be the process itself will be a good opportunity for the political parties to examine their mottos and the response of the public to their programmes and to gain their own identities.

The election results will, without doubt, change the political party chart in Jordan, some will disappear and others will become stronger ... but in any case, the chart will become a more repre-

Communist party protests 'insulting' sermons

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The Jordanian Communist Party (JCP), Thursday, sent a letter to the Minister of Awgaf, Abdul Salam Al Abbadi, protesting the content of sermons delivered by preachers at some mosques.

The sermons, according to Yacoub Zayadin, secretary general of the JCP, were mainly comprised of "insults and incitements on different political parties and Christians.

By Maha Addasi

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The graduation of the second group of occupational

therapists took place at the Farah

Centre of the Hussein Medical

Centre last Wednesday, adding 15 graduates to a field that is

much needed in Jordan, accord-

ing to Samira Baban of the Cere-

"No rehabilitation centre: is

complete without an occupational

therapist," Dr. Baban said in an

interview with the Jordan Times.

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much was done about it until

Hafiza Lata, the wife of a former

British counselor to Jordan, con-

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These attacks, the letter preachers are trying to differenti-

warned will affect the national unity of the country, are unconstitutional and go against the principles of the National Charter of Jordan, which calls for equality among people of different creeds and guarantees freedom of

15 occupational therapy graduates

to provide a 'much needed' service

to the University of Jordan as an

accredited bachelor of science

"We are planning to upgrade this programme, that is often

mistaken for physiotherapy, but

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"Unlike physiotherapy, which Princess Maida said.

deals with rehabilitation of the

lower limbs mainly, occupational

therapy deals with the upper

limbs. Specifically, occupational

therapy is the treatment of pa-

tients who have been born dis-

abled or have suffered a stroke,

affecting mostly the upper limbs.

Occupational therapy helps such

patients deal with everyday living

activities that we take for

granted, such as how to dress

yourself and how to hold a spoon.

Occupational therapists must

have the creativity to be able to

deal with these problems in diffe-

United Nations estimate men-

tions that 10 per cent of every

society suffers from some kind of

handicap which makes the possi-

ble number of patients in Jordan 300,000, possibly requiring a great deal of equipment. But Dr. Baban says otherwise.

rent patients," she said.

(B.S.c) degree programme.

"How dare they call for collecting the Jizya from Christians ... and insult our women and daughters and raise doubts about their ethics and morals," JCP officials exclaimed, stressing that these statements indicate that the

ate between the role of Muslims and Christians in the society. As for Communists, they have been labelled as "Atheists, unbelievers and hooligans, Dr. Zayadin added.

"We are sure that these statements were made. There is no chance of denying them. Some of us heard them while sitting in our homes, through the loudspeakers, and others went to the mosques and listened to some of the preachers," he added.

The JCP, in its abovementioned letter, confirmed its

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Students learn to do their work

with what is available in the

community so that soon we will

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She added that the General

Union of Voluntary Societies (GUVS), and the Farah Rehabi-

litation Centre have been great

supporters of this programme,

but graduates from this program-

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"The government has certain rules and titles under which a

person can be employed. Present-

ly occupational therapists are em-

ployed under the title 'phy-

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We are hoping that new titles will be created," Dr. Baban said.

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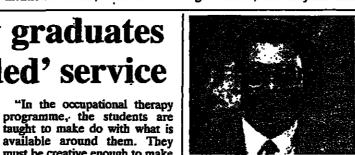
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materials." Dr. Baban said.

respect for religious beliefs and stressed the important role the mosques and churchs could play to raise public awareness. But, it emphasised that the mosques should not be used as an instrument in the hand of one political party to gain more popularity at the expense of the defamation of

The letter also stated that the preachers' sermons contradict the essence of Islam which calls for forgiveness and flexibility.

Such sermons distort the image of Islam," Dr. Zayadin said.



Habeeb Habash **Tourism** officer elected to

fellow at U.K. society AMMAN (J.T.) — Habeeb

Habash, research and planning officer at the Ministry of Tourism, has been elected Fellow of the Tourism Society in the United Kingdom. The society is a professional

institution and its membership embraces technocrats and academicians in the field of tour-

Mr. Habash has been a member of the society since 1983

Democratic freedoms, no licence to violate law, expose persons — minister to perform their duties smoothly.

AMMAN (Petra) — Democratic freedoms are not a licence nor permission to violate the law or Constitution, neither are they a licence or permission to expose government, national or pan-Arab institutions or person, maintained, acting Prime Minister and Information Minister Maan Abu Nowar Thursday.

Speaking at a meeting with the president and members of the Jordanian Press Association (JPA), Dr. Abu Nowar said democratic freedoms are the strongest and fairest bases for the state of institutions and law, which ensure freedoms to all. without others.

He stressed that such freedoms should not be utilised to spread rumours or promote semi-facts. He said he would not interfere in any kind of democratic freedoms. adding that his duties make it incumbent on him to protect free-dom against any violations taking place in the name of freedom of

Dr. Abu Nowar voiced his confidence in the JPA and in each Jordanian journalist. "There is no need for me to call

on any journalist or on the JPA to defend the interests of the country and the Arab homeland, because I believe every Jordanian journalist is a leading defender of the right, honour and dignity of our homeland."

He added that every journalist is a full partner in the Jordanian press family and shares a direct responsibility for observing the

"Your law gives you full powtheir conditions and enable them

ers to defend the higher interest of the country and the freedom of press at the same time. It also empowers you to defend the cleanliness, purity and sacredness of word, just as it entitles you to defend the security of the country and the safety of every citizen. JPA President Salman Al

on the concerns of the press society in Jordan and its future aspirations.

He stressed the importance of granting journalists a special career allowance and a hardship allowance, in an effort to improve

Qudah briefed Dr. Abu Nowar

Mr. Qudah referred to encroachments on the journalism profession in Jordan by some people who work as correspondents for foreign media and newspapers, without being accredited by the press and publications department, and stressed the need for putting an end to such encroachments.

Mr. Oudah also said the JPA has embarked on the necessary steps to construct a headquarters and a club for journalists on a plot of land adjacent to the Hussein Sport City, donated by His Majesty King Hussein.

Nasraween released after 23 years in Syrian jails

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Mr. Nasraween, who was a member of the national leadership of the Baath Socialist Party

on the Syrian authorities to release all political detainees and prisoners of conscience.

in 1970, before being imprisoned, "I am happy to come back to was received at Al Ramtha bor- my comrades, friends and family "I am happy to come back to

AMMAN (J.T.) — After 23 der post by large numbers of years of detention in Syrian jails, Mjalli Nasraween returned to his home town of Mafraq Thursday.

Mr. Nasraween said he was happy to return home and called whom I left behind and I call on the String authorities to the String authorities authorities to the String authorities to the String authorities authori Syria to respond to calls by humamitarian and international bodies to free all my comrades of conscience prisoners and all political detainees."

HOME NEWS IN BRIEF

Arab art exhibit opens

Basma today (Saturday) will open a month-long art exhibition by 40 artists from the Arab World. The exhibition, entitled "The Contemporary Arab Art Exhibition," is organised by Hisham Hijawi Scientific Foundation, in cooperation with Amman On display will be art plates drawn by leading Nov. 23-30, according to the agreement. No artists from Jordan, Iraq, Tunisia, Saudi Arabia, further details were revealed.

Lebanon, Syria, Palestine and Sudan.

U.S. to sell wheat to Jordan

stitutions.

AMMAN (Petra) — Her Royal Highness Princess WASHINGTON (R) — The U.S. Department of Basma today (Saturday) will open a month-long Agriculture has agreed to sell Jordan 200,000 tonnes of wheat under the special agreement. Jordan will be entitled to buy the wheat, estimated at a total cost of \$30 million, from American exporters between June 23 and Sept. 30. Shipping Bank for Investment and the Jordan-Kuwait Bank. of purchased amounts will take place between

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JORD and HAS every right to question the aims and objectives of American press reports, published Thursday, which attempted to fuel anti-Jordanian sentiments for our position during the Gulf war. especially on the eye of His Majesty King Hussein's first meeting with President Bill Clinton and his administration. While journalists are, as they should be, always reluciant to question the integrity of fellow journalists, it is nevert teless incumbent on us to look deep into when those reports have appeared now, enactly at a time when both Jordan and the U.S. need to heal the unumber of the Gulf war and reestablish their Friendship on sour a basis, and into the motives of these who might have been behind the reports.

The congressional report that the writers quoted in their pieces Taurisday was actually released last week and out to Wednesday as some of them contended. It is the report that accompanies the Foreign Aid Approprietions will which was "marked up" by the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations last week during the "mark-up" of the foreign aid appropriations bill. Therefore, we can only guess why they chose to carry their stories now, unless they intended the timing to coincide with His Majesty's visit to Washington. The report was released last week, while copies available to the public from the subcommittee report quotes from a September 1992 report by the General Accounting Office (GAO). So at least one writer's Statement that the report was released on Wednesday is makes mislending because it gives the impression that the GAO report itself — as opposed to the subcommittee's report - was released recently, which

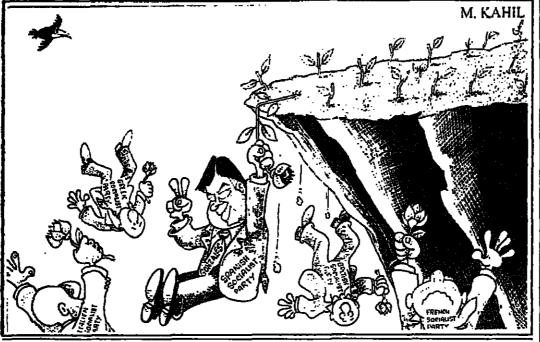
In fact, the GAC report was released in September 15% at the request of Subcommittee Chairman David Con (Telephonein). C sey had requested the GAO -cangress's 'uvestigative arm — to investigate the Bush commission's action, with regard to military aid to Jordan during the Gulf crisis. He asked for the report because he felt that the Bush administration had systematically misinformed his subcommittee on the issue. On a number of accasions, he stated clearly that his anger or upset was not directed at Jordan but that his investigation was intended to clarify what he believes was misleading action by the Republican administration to his subcommittee, and therefore to Mouse merahers in geteral. When it was released in September. The GAO report barely had any repercussions for January in general, nor on the Hill, (The Los Angeles Times carried a story much later, in November 1982). The it was released in September, the GAO report had a classified annex that was declassified more than a month ago, upon Obey's insistence. When the elevisided section of that report was made madic, none of the U.S. press picked up on it.

standing the possibility that the writers of the reports were unable to obtain a copy of the GAO report before Freezestay, the can only conclude that there is somebody not diere in Washington, probably many more, who would like to sabotage any and all attempts of handles the rift between Jordan and the U.S. once and for all. We hope we are wrong on this, because everybody should bene it from good relations among all parties. But we carnot be sure that regardless of our and most others' good intentions there will always be people who prefer to fish in murky waters all the

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

A RAM Arabic daily urged Kuwait to rescind the death sentennes passed on 10 Jordanian citizens serving in the emirate. It is hoped that the sensible men in Kuwait would realise that the court verdict was unjust and that it was taken in a bid to undermine efforts aimed at a conciling Arab states in the wake of the Guif war, said the daily. Regardless of its continued call for can-Arab solicitativ and reconciliation, Jordan is also keen on safeguarding the lives and the interests of its citizens and protecting them from injustice, said the daily. Jordan does not accept the claim that the Jordanian citizens, including students, were in collusion with Iraq helping it to invade Kuwait in 1990, said the paper. It is quite reasonable for the Jordanian government to take any step it finds fit in order to secure the release of the detained Jordanians, including those sentenced to death, the paper continued. Those behind the death-sentences should realise that the any actions can only deepen the wounds and widen the gap among the Arab states, warned the daily. It said that unless the survaint and their verdict and release the Jordanian open and records, close would be shelved for good,

Sulfan And Sulfan, a column of in Al Ra'i daily, urged various unions, profit and rivere equatisations and human rights groups in January and abroad to each of pressure on Kuwait to secure the tries and the for in our definites in Kuwait. The writer said that the numerous notified part is in Jordan, in addition to the Arab human rights assumestions and various world organisations, should post tastic stands and move together in the direction of stance are expressed people now in Powaiti jails.



New activist role for U.N. peacekeepers

By Anthony Goodman Reuter

UNITED NATIONS — At least 20 Somali demonstrators are killed by United Nations troops in

Additional casualties are aused when American-piloted U.N. gunships strike arms dumps belonging to one of Somalia's chief warlords.

A few days earlier, British U.N. troops kill two Croats attacking a convoy trying to bull-doze supplies through to besieged Muslims in Bosnia.

Welcome to the new world order, where the United Nations, intended as a peacemaker, is increasingly playing a shooting

Instead of firing back only when fired upon — and then with great reluctance — U.N. forces now often have a mandate to take the initiative. In diplomatic parlance, the dif-

ference is between peacekeeping
— which assumes there is already a peace to keep — and peace-making, where peace has to be enforced.

Underlying the change is the fact that, since the end of the cold war, the United Nations has become increasingly involved in trying to establish or maintain peace within, rather than between countries.

In the "bad old days," U.N. involvement in a country's internal affairs was usually out of bounds since rival factions often acted as U.N. Protection Force (UNPRO-

by the United States and the then-Soviet Union. in those days, U.N.

peacekeeping was relatively simple. When two countries went to war, the Security Council would meet, order a ceasefire and send in troops to serve as a buffer between the opposing armies. U.N. peacekeepers patrolled

the Sinai desert between the Egyptians and Israelis, kept watch along the India-Pakistan ceasefire line or between Iran and When problems arose, the Un-

ited Nations could turn to one or other of the governments involved and demand a halt to ceasefire violations. More recently, in Somalia and

'ugoslavia as well as in Namiba, El Salvador, Angola and Cambodia, the United Nations was given the task of bringing peace to nations which either had no functioning government or were torn by internal strife.

Only hours after gunmen ambushed and killed 23 Pakistani U.N. soldiers in Mogadishu on June 5, the Security Council said the force known officially as the U.N. Operation in Somalia (UN-OSOM II) was authorised to "take all necessary measures against all those responsible for the armed

This included their "arrest and detention for prosecution, trial and punishment," the resolution

In the former Yugoslavia, the

surrogates for the power blocs led FOR) has also been acting under an increasingly tough series of

mandates. The latest, adopted on June 4 and designed to protect six large-ly Muslim-inhabited "safe areas," authorises U.N. troops "to take the necessary measures, including the use of force" - and air power in reply to bombardments or incursions against those areas.

Secretary-General Boutros Ghali, in Vienna, expressed regret at the killing of demonstra-tors in Somalia by Pakistani U.N. troops on Sunday but praised efforts to disarm gangs that have plagued efforts to bring aid and stability to that famine-stricken nation.

A U.N. spokesman in New York said Somali faction leaders had "recklessly resorted to inciting crowds to threaten the security of the UNOSOM troops and used women and children as human shields."

Despite extreme provocation, U.N. troops "have reacted in a restrained manner, as a result of which civilian casualties have been kept to a minimum," the U.N. spokesman added.

The commander of the Pakistani contingent has opened an in-quiry into Sunday's incident.

U.N. peacekcepers, like the rest of the world, are quickly learning that the end of the East-West divide has not ushered in a new millenium but led to a virulent revival of ethnic hatreds, religious intolerance and plain old-fashioned war-lordism.

East, West and more West

In a unipolar world, best thing is to stand apart

By G.H. Jansen

Because of his family connec-

tion with the Prophet Moham-

mad and the role he has chosen

for himself in Arab history, King

Hussein of Jordan, trained at

Sandhurst, has always chosen the

Arab side against the West (and

Israel) at times of regional crisis as in 1967 and the 1990-91

Kuwait-Iraq conflict, in spite of

his general pro-western political

stance in the cold war context.

The Egyptian "man of the

West' was, par excellence, Anwar Sadat, who, while he

would not have known whether

Mozart was a composer or a

brand of German motor car, was

the West's all-too-loyal ally and therefore a friend of Israel, that

other local ally of the West. In Pakistan, Mohammad Ali

finnah in his immaculate suits

and monocle and "corespon-

"western man" but, like Nehru,

was too proud to be a man of the

ranks of the army, such as Gener-

India, it was the Sandhurst-

trained generals who had the

pro-western inferiority complex

which someone like General Zia

Al Haq certainly did not have

He was too much of a "native"

Muslim and also too shrewd to do

anything more than use the West.

especially the U.S., for his and

The sharpest contrast between

the two types is observable in Indonesia between President

Sukarno, erratic, devious and a

sensualist, but always his own

man, and thus very different from

the steady, sober General Suhar-

to, safely ensconced in the Amer-

of movement by leaders from one

type to the other, from "western

man" to "man of the West"

rather than the other way round.

but then this transformation may

have more to do with the self-

confidence of the ruler and his

education in the ways of the West

than his political orientation.

Who would have imagined that

the anthropologically authentic Kikuyu and Kenyan Jomo

Kenyatta would have become a luxury-loving man of the West, as is his successor President Daniel

There can be a certain amount

Pakistan's purposes.

ican pocket.

IN the Third Afro-Asian World there have been and there are two sorts of leaders, who may be designated as "western men" and "men of the West", and despite the similarity of nomenclature they stand for quite different, even antagonistic attitudes and

The "western men" are those who in their culture and life-style are "westernised" and in some cases very deeply so and not just as a western veneer. The archetypal example was Jawaharlal Nehru, who, after his schooling and university and law studies in England, had to settle down and study to become fluent in Hindi (though his spoken language was really Hindustani). Maulana Kalam Azad once expressed his surprise and disappointment when be heard Nehru, then his cell-mate in jail, talking in his sleep in English. Nehru was a lover of English poetry and carried around in his head large chunks of English verse and he was also a lover of western classical music and ballet. And no one who has had the dubious honour of partaking of Panditji's strictly English-style breakfast is ever likely to forget that gastronomic obstacle race.

Despite all this Nehru was the antithesis of a "man of the West" for these believe, most of them sincerely, that "West is best" in politics, in economics, and in day-to-day life. Nehru was too proud, too much an independent Indian patriot to feel even slightly inferior to the West; it was probably the other way round, especially towards the USA.

It is probably true to say that so far, India has not had any leaders of the second type on the national level; there were many individuals or groups or classes who have been and are pro-West because "the West" is "modern", but that attitude has not yet penetrated widely the Indian political ethos, though it is probably well on its way.

But there are several Asian countries which have had both types of leaders. In Egypt, there was Gamal Abdul Nasser, whom the West named its sworn enemy. and yet, when working in his study in his modest home, he used to have, as background music, the flute concerti of authentic Kenyan nationalist opponent of Jomo Kenyatta.
Odinga Odinga, still plays the same role as Moi.

Both types of leaders are to be found among the three presidents that the Republic of Cyprus has had since its independence in 1960. The first two, Archbishop Makarios, who led the freedom struggle, and Spiros Kyprianou, who participated in it, because of those roles were "western men" and not "men of the West" as was the third president, George Vassiliou, a millionaire businessman who had a touching faith in the goodwill of Britain and the U.S. to help solve the Cyprus problem created by the invasion of the island by Turkey, the West's ally: a faith that, so far, has not been

justified by events.

These two types of leaders could be found presently, and in the recent past, throughout the dent's" shoes, was very much a Third World - in Malaysia and Sri Lanka, in East and West Africa and in Arab North Africa: West, like his successors from the it would seem to be a fixed al Ayoub Khan. In Pakistan, as in politico-psychological pattern and it is for diplomats and scho-lars to identify and classify them according to their deep personal-

ity types.
Why some of these leaders are of one type and some of the other would seem to be a matter of individual personality and experience. It does not fit into the old cold war categorisation with the pro-West on the right and the anti-or non-West on the left be; cause Nasser and Makarios were no leftists. Nor is it a matter of cultural affinity determining political loyalties because, as we have seen, non-westernised leaders were pro-West and westernised individuals were independent of

That world politics is now unipolar does not invalidate this categorisation because the One World Power still has its friends, its foes and those who want to stand apart, which more and more countries are trying to do as the One World Power becomes more demanding and domineering.

The writer is a Cyprus-based journalist specialising in Islamic and Middle Eastern affairs. He contributed the article to the Jor-Arap Moi? And, curiously, the "dam Times.

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The Week in Print

Press pessimistic about new round of talks; U.N. accused of selectivity in applying resolutions

Reviewed by Elia Nasrallah

The Jordanian daily newspapers focused attention in the past week on the 10th round or Arab-Israeli negotiations in Washington, the Kuwaiti court's death sentences passed on 10 Jordanians and the situation in Somalia as well as a host of domestic issues.

Al Dustour voiced pessimism about the outcome of the new round of talks, noting that as soon as the negotiations started Israel chose to manifest further intransigence and adamant stands.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has declared before parliament that Israel cannot give everything that the Arabs demand at the talks and will not fully withdraw from the Goian Heights, said the dai-

At the same time, the statement was echoed by U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher who said that any solution to the deadlock in the talks should involve an Arab compromise and is up to the Arabs to achieve progress in the peace talks with Israel, said the daily. In light of these statements, one cannot hope much progress to be achieved in the present round, the paper added.

Mohammad Kharroub, a columnist in Al Ra'i daily. said that Mr. Rabin is quite afraid of the opposition Likud Party and therefore he is not able to end Israel's intransigence at the nego-

tiating table. Mr. Rabin fears for the reputation of the Labour Party and is striving to keep Labour in government at any cost, said the writer. He added that one is bound to

witness more adamant Israeli stands in the present round and little progress towards a settlement. Sawt Al Shaab daily said

that it is up to the U.S. administration to see to it that progress is achieved. Washington has given promises that progress is feasible and will be attained as it intends to play the role of active partner in the negotiations, said the daily.

But it said it must be emphasised here that since the talks hinge on the implementation of U.N. resolutions, peace can by no means be achieved unless these resolutions have been implemented in full.

Referring to the Arab parties' coordination talks before the 10th round, Taher Al Udwan, a columnist in Al Dustour, said that the ministers of the Arab states involved in the negotiations should live up to expectations and instruct their delegations not to cede any Arab rights.

The writer said that rejection of any separate deals between Israel and any Arab state should serve as one step towards strengthening the Arab stand and manifesting unity in con-frontation with the common

Salem Khdeiry, a guest columnist in Al Ra'i, said that water will be the major bone of contention between Arabs and Israelis in the years to come. The writer said that as the Jewish immigration continues to Palestine, Israel will no doubt resort to expansion in order to settle the newcomers and would look for new water resources.

The writer said that as the present century nears the end, more and more problems will arise stemming from the need for more water for the ever-growing population of the Middle East.

Hamadeh Faraaneh, a columnist in Al Dustour, praised Syria for its rejection of bilateral deals with Israel, stressing the need for the Jewish state to implement U.N. resolutions 242 and 338 in full before peace can be achieved.

The writer said that Syria has proved that it can accept nothing less than a full Israeli withdrawal not Anly from the Golan Heights but also from all the other parts of occupied Arab land. It is hoped that the other Arab parties would follow Syria's example and remain steadfast in their position, said the wri-

Sultan Al Hattab, a columnist in Al Ra'i daily, said the Israel's decision to pull out from Gaza Strip should be accepted by the Palestinians and the Arab World as a first step towards further withdrawal. The writer said he backed Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's approval of the Israeli announcement about the unilateral withdrawal because such a move would mean that Israel recognises the fact the Palestine is an occupied land, on the one hand, and that Gaza would serve as the nucleus for the creation of an independent Palestinian state, on the other.

Kuwait's decision to execute 10 Jordanian and Palestinian citizens who had

been serving in the emirate during the Gulf war came under strong condemnation in the Jordanian press.

The Kuwaiti court's decision, said Salameh Ekour, a columnist in Sawt Al Shaab, was an attempt to undermine all current efforts to end differences among the Arab regimes. Before, during and after the Gulf crisis. Jordan has never stopped its endeavours to achieve solidarity and reconciliation among the Arab regimes. said the writer.

He said that in his latest statement, Prime Minister Abdul Salam Al Majali made it clear that Jordan extends a friendly hand to all Arabs and is keen on removing lingering elements that continue to mar Arab relations.

The verdict passed on 10 Jordanian and Palestinian citizens in Kuwait is a dastard crime, not only against the innocent citizens, but also against the whole Arab Nation which is trying to regain its unity in the aftermath of the Gulf war, said Suitan Al Hattab, a columnist in Al Ra'i daily.

The writer said that the world should not remain passive vis-a-vis such a crime. The writer said he had reason to believe that the Israelis and the Americans were behind the death sentences, just before the start of the 10th round of Arab-Israeli peace negotiations, in order to cause more disarray in Arab ranks.

In the view of Mohammad Subeihi, kuwait would release the Jordanian and Palestinian detainces once the Iraqis released Kuwaiti nationals still held in Iraq. The columnist, who writes in Al Dustour, said that Jordan has played host to

and provide belp for Iragis, Kuwaitis and many other nationals and hosted hundreds of thousands of evacuees, returnees and expatriates and therefore, it deserves fair treatment on the part of its Arab sister states.

Abdul Rahim Omar criticised the United Nations for its selectivity in implementing Security Council resolutions. The columnist, who writes for Al Ra'i, said while the United Nations gave vent to its fury over the death of the 23 Pakistani U.N. troops by raiding Somali military and civilian positions, it has kept silent over Israel's defiance throughout the past 26 years. The writer said the Israeli

defiance was most recently manifested in its refusal to repatriate the 400 Palestinians it had deported to South Leba-"Operation Restore Hope

has now been transformed into "restore concern and tension" in Somalia, charged Mahmoud Rimawi, a columnist in Al Ra'i daily. He said that when it was a mere humanitarian mission. the United Nations' move into war-torn Somalia was welcomed by many nations. But now, as it turns into a bloody aggression on the Somali people, the mission can by no means be aimed at restoring hope to the people of that country.

A columnist in Al Dustour called on the government to be neutral in the coming election as such a stand would only enhance the progress of the march of democracy.

Mona Shuqair said that the present government has a main duty: to ensure smooth, fair and free elections in November, and it is its duty to remain neutral, especially as the country is facing a crucial decision concerning peace with Israel.

Therefore, she said, any move on the part of the government concerning the Election Law circumventing Parliament or short of consultation with the deputies could cause a setback to the democratic process in the country.

Her views were countered by Salameh Ekour, a columnist in Sawt Al Shaab daily, who said that the majority of people and parties in Jordan favour amendments to the present Election Law which has become obsolete.

The writer said that the present law is full of loopholes and does not cater to the present political situation. The deputies who oppose amendments to the law could have proposed meaningful amendments to it during their mandate over the past four years, he said.

Taher Al Udwan, a col-umnist in Al Dustour, demanded from the government and various economic sectors to work out a formula by which the cost of living index would be liuked to the salary scales of employees in the private and public sectors alike.

The writer cites a recent 25 per cent salary increase granted by the Arab Bank Limited to its employees as a move that would stir complaints among the other sectors of employees in the private and public sectors. He said that the Arab Bank decided on the move in view of the soaring cost of living in Jordan, which other firms and companies have obviously failed to real-

Issa Shueibi, a columnist in Al Dustour, referred to the recent statistics showing that 106,000 Jordanians are unemployed at the moment. He said that at the same time, the country hosts 125,000 non-Jordanian workers whose jobs could easily be taken over by Jordanians.

The writer said that only through a national census and analysis of the available figures of workers and household members can the concerned authorities arrive at fairly correct figures. The correct information, he said, is essential to the planners and decision-



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Proclaims this Universal Declaration of Human Rights as a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations, to the end that every individual and every organ of society, keeping this declaration constantly in mind, shall strive by teaching and education to promote respect for these rights and freedoms and by progressive measures, national and international, to secure their universal and effective recognition and observance, both among the peoples of member states themselves and among the peoples of territories under their jurisdiction.

ARTICLE 1

All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherood.

ARTICLE 2

Everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in this declaration, without discrimination of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status.

Furthermore, no discunction shall be made on the basis of

political, jurisdictional or international status of the country or territory to which a person belongs, whether it be independent, trust, non-self-governing or under any other limitation of sovereignty.

ARTICLE 3

Everyone has the right to life, liberty and the security of

ARTICLE 4

No one shall be held in slavery or servitude; slavery and the slave trade shall be prohibited in all their forms.

No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

ARTICLE 6

Everyone has the right to recognition everywhere as a person

ARTICLE 7 All are equal before the law and are entitled without any discrimination to equal protection of the law. All are entitled to equal protection against any discrimination in violation of this declaration and against any incitement to such discrimination.

ARTICLE 8

Everyone has the right to an effective remedy by the competent

national tribunals for acts violating the fundamental rights granted him by the constitution or by law.

ARTICLE 9

No one shall be subjected to arbitrary arrest, detention or exile.

ARTICLE 10

Everyone is entitled in full equality to a fair and public hearing by an independent and impartial tribunal, in the determination of his rights and obligations and of any criminal charge against him.

ARTICLE 11

- 1. Everyone charged with a penal offence has the right to be presumed innocent until proved guilty according to law in a public trial at which he has had all the guarantees necessary for his
- 2. No one shall be held guilty of any penal offence on account of any act or omission which did not constitute a penal offence, under national or international law, at the time when it was committed. Nor shall a heavier penalty be imposed than the one that was applicable at the time the penal offence was committed.

ARTICLE 12

No one shall be subjected to arbitrary interference with his privacy, family, home or correspondence, nor to attacks upon his honour and reputation. Everyone has the right to the protection of the law against such interference or attacks.

ARTICLE 13

1. Everyone has the right to freedom of movement and residence within the borders of each state.

Everyone has the right to leave any country, including his own, and to return to his country.

ARTICLE 14

- 1. Everyone has the right to seek and to enjoy in other countries asylum from persecution.
- 2. This right may not be invoked in the case of prosecutions genuinely arising from non-political crimes or from acts contrary to the purposes and principles of the United Nations.

ARTICLE 15

1. Everyone has the right to a nationality. 2. No one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his nationality nor denied the right to change his nationality.

ARTICLE 16

- 1. Men and women of full age, without any limitation due to race, nationality or religion, have the right to marry and to found a family. They are entitled to equal rights as to marriage, during marriage and at its dissolution.
- 2. Marriage shall be entered into only with the free and full consent of the intending spouses.

 3. The family is the natural and fundamental group unit of receives and in a price of the consent of the
- society and is entitled to protection by society and the state.

- 1. Everyone has the right to own property alone as well as in : association with others.
- 2. No one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his property.

ARTICLE 18

Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion; this right includes freedom to change his religion or belief, and freedom, either alone or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship and observance.

ARTICLE 19

Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers.

ARTICLE 20

- 1. Everyone has the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and
- 2. No one may be compelled to belong to an association.

ARTICLE 21

- 1. Everyone has the right to take part in the government of his country, directly or through freely chosen representatives. 2. Everyone has the right of equal access to public service in his
- 3. The will of the people shall be the basis of the authority of government; this will shall be expressed in periodic and genuine elections which shall be by universal and equal suffrage and shall be held by secret vote or by equivalent free voting procedures.

ARTICLE 22

Everyone, as a member of society, has the right to social security and is entitled to realisation, through national effort and international cooperation and in accordance with the organisation and resources of each state, of the economic, social and cultural rights indispensable for his dignity and the free development of his personality.

ARTICLE 23

- 1. Everyone has the right to work, to free choice of employment, to just and favourable conditions of work and to protection against unemployment.
- 2. Everyone, without any discrimination, has the right to equal pay for equal work. 3. Everyone who works has the right to just and favourable
- remuneration ensuring for himself and his family an existence worthy of human dignity, and supplemented, if necessary, by other means of social protection.
- 4. Everyone has the right to form and to join trade unions for the protection of his interests.

ARTICLE 24

Everyone has the right to rest and leisure, including reasonable limitation of working hours and periodic holidays with pay.

conditions attached.

ARTICLE 25

- 1. Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself and of his family, including food, clothing, housing and medical care and necessary social services, and the right to security in the event of unemployment, sickness, disability, widowhood, old age or other lack of livelihood in circumstances beyond his control.
- 2. Motherhood and childhood are entitled to special care and assistance. All children, whether born in or out of wedlock, shall enjoy the same social protection.

ARTICLE 26

- 1. Everyone has the right to education. Education shall be free. at least in the elementary and fundamental stages. Elementary education shall be compulsory. Technical and professional educa-tion shall be made generally available and higher education shall be equally accessible to all on the basis of merit.

 2. Education shall be directed to the full development of the
- human personality and to the strengthening of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. It shall promote understanding, tolerance and friendship among all nations, racial or religious groups, and shall further the activities of the United Nations for the maintenance of peace.
- 3. Parents have a right to choose the kind of education that shall be given to their children.

ARTICLE 27

- 1. Everyone has the right freely to participate in the cultural life of community, to enjoy the arts and to share in scientific advancement and its benefits.
- 2. Everyone has the right to the protection of the moral and material interests resulting from any scientific, literacy or artistic production of which he is the author.

ARTICLE 28

Everyone is entitled to a social and international order in which the rights and freedoms set forth in this declaration can be fully

ARTICLE 29

- 1. Everyone has duties to the community in which alone the free and full development of his personality is possible.

 2. In the exercise of his rights and freedoms, everyone shall be
- subject only to such limitations as are determined by law solely for the purpose of securing due recognition and respect for the rights and freedoms of others and of meeting the just requirements of morality, public order and the general welfare in a democratic
- 3, These rights and freedoms may in no case be exercised contrary to the purposes and principles of the United Nations.

ARTICLE 30

Nothing in this declaratison may be interpreted as implying for any states, group or person any right to engage in any activity or to perform any act aimed at the destruction of any of the rights and freedoms set forth herein.

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The IS manager will be responsible for managing resources, systems activities including computer planning network components, development and implementation. A sound AS/400 related experience is preferred (Hardware, System Software, Applications). At least five years of related experience is required.

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Letter from Vienna

World Conference on Human Rights

By Waleed Sa'adi

THE DRAFTING COMMIT- the dimensions of the right to of the right to self-determination and the subject of linking economic aid with respect of the human rights. The controversy over the scope of the right to self-determination ensued from the thesis of the Asian group which wishes to cling to the traditional perception of the right to selfdetermination by applying it only in cases of foreign occupation or

domination or colonial rule. The Western group, on the other hand, seeks to expand the purview of this right to include independent and sovereign states where the people concerned are denied their right to selfdetermination by not exercising

their periodic voting rights for the election of their representatives. Many developing countries without pluralistic democracy are feeling the heat of the new Western thrust for the expansion of

TEE of the World Conference on self-determination and fear that Human Rights charged with the such a formulation could be an adoption of the final declaration invitation to their dismemberbecame bogged down on two ment and the loss of their territofundamental issues. The subject rial integrity should sizable can no longer be assured; so minorities within their boundaries opt to form their own respective independent states.

> To allay the fears of the countries concerned about their sovereignty and independence, the Pakistani delegation moved to introduce language that re-sulted in complicating the situation. The leader of the Pakistani delegations, in the drafting committee introduced the following wording for the purpose. The exercise of this right within independent states should not have as its objective the calling into question of the territorial integrity of sovereign and independent states possessed of a government legiti-mately representing the whole people belonging to the territory without any distinction of any kind." This Pakistani formulation caused an outcry among states

such as Syria and Iraq which the International Covenant on questioned the criteria on which a ... Civil and Political Rights. government can be described as On this basis this issue is exgitimate or not. pected to be resolved Saturday. If a certain government cannot As for the other issue of linklegitimate or not.

be arbitrarily depicted as illegiti- age between human rights and mate then its territorial integrity reasoned the opponents of this thesis. After two lengthy days of deliberations, there emerged a middle course calling for the use of the language of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights which states in its first article that "all peoples have the right of self-determination. By virtue of that right they freely determine their political status and freely pursue their economic, social and cultural development."

By implication the reading of this article suggests that not only people under occupation or foreign domination are entitled to the right of self-determination.

This necessarily means that people in independent states must continue to exercise the right to self-determination. This formulation is expected to be adopted since more than 120 countries already have ratified

Timing 'fishy' (Continued from page 1)

training exercises after Iraq invaded Kuwait in August 1990. . According to the report, there was debate within the U.S. intelligence community about the seriousness of Jordan's sanctionsbusting. The Pentagon's Defence Intelligence Agency viewed the violations as significant, but the economic aid, the issue is ex-Central Intelligence Agency nected to take the whole of Satur-

day since emotions on the subject Congressman Obey was trying run high. Asian states including to prove that the former adminis-Jordan are calling for aid with no tration misinformed the House on aid to the Kingdom. What Western countries are adamant that human rights observance should figure highly in economic development and aid. A comensued was a controversy between the Bush administration and Democrats in the House over this point and Mr. Obey had promise language has yet to surface to salvage this subject. taken pains to explain that his

"I will continue to support

administration policy (on) Jordan because it is important to the peace process, but as chairman of the foreign operations committee I feel an obligation to inform the Congress when it has been misled." he said in a statement to the House in October of last year when he first began investigating the issue.

"It is basically an issue between the former administration and th Congress and is not directed at Jordan," a well-informed Jordanian source told the Jordan

Most Jordanian officials, including Dr. Anani, believed the report would bear little negative impact on the King's talks with President Clinton or with senators and congressmen.

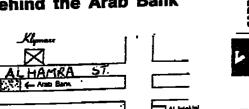
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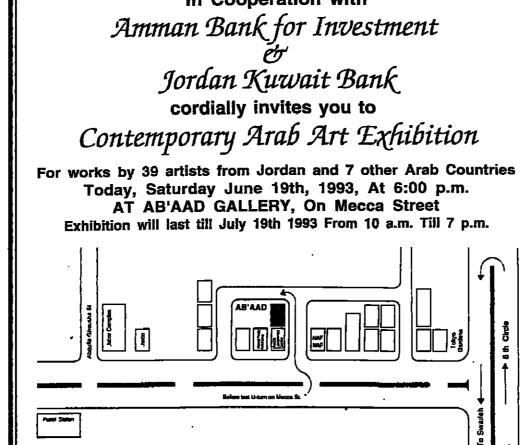
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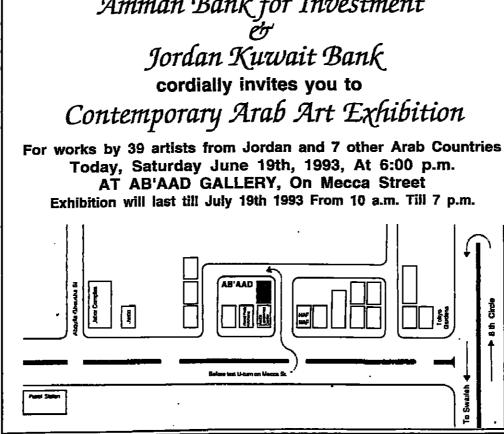








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EC economy predicted to shrënk 0.5% in '93

BRUSSLES (AFP) - The Euro- interest rates," the commissioner ness of demand, only modest pean Community's (EC's) combined economy will shrink 0.5 per cent this year, and stage a weak recovery of 1.25 per cent erowth in 1994, EC Finance Commissioner Henning Christophersen has said.

Presenting the updated summer estimates of the European Commission, he forecast that unemployment could accelerate beyond 12 per cent in 1994, up from an official estimate of 11.5 per cent just four months ago. This means about 20 million people out of work. Mr. Christ-

ophersen said the unemployment rates would not begin to fall until annual growth rates reached 2.5 to three per cent.

The estimates reflect a dramatic deterioration in economic prospects, and the first decline in real EC growth since 1975. In February the commission

had forecast that average gross domestic product (GDP) in the 12-nation EC would grow 0.8 per cent this year and 1.8 per cent in 1994. Just 12 months ago it was predicting 2.25 per cent growth in

Mr. Christophersen warned EC member states against trying to spend their way to recovery by raising budget deficits and public

"There is no room for an increase in public deficits. The most important thing now is to pave

To do this, he added, EC governments would have to cut spending, make labour cheaper and more productive, improve training, and boost competitiveness through lower state sub-

Mr. Christophersen also urged member states to streamline the EC's single market and maintain exchange rate credibility by sticking to their project for economic union and a single currency by 1999.

He insisted that the Community should not relax its conditions for membership of a single currency bloc, which include cutting back national debts and pegging budget deficits to a maximum three per cent of GDP. Average EC budget deficits are

per cent of GDP in 1993 - far above the monetary union target of three per cent. The EC's growth and unemployment crisis will be one of the main topics at an EC summit in

expected to average a record 6.25

Copenhagen next Monday and Mr. Christophersen said that enlargement of the EC to include Sweden, Norway, Finland and Austria, and closer integration with eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, would help growth prospects, along with

GATT world trade reform. "Not withstanding the weak-

crease in foreign customers for U.S. services like banking and travel helped shrink the overall U.S. trade deficit by 11.7 per cent from January through March, the government has said.

"The U.S. trade in services has become extremely important in our international trade statement and performance," said economist Allen Sinai, an economist and managing director at Lehman Brothers financial firm. "Services export raises a dollar of foreign exchange just as much as a goods

The first-quarter deficit in the U.S. current account totaled \$20.91 billion, the Commerce Department said. That was down from \$23.69 billion during the final three months of 1992, when the deficit jumped 33.3 per cent.

The current account is considered the broadest measure of America's international competitiveness because, unlike the monthly merchandise trade reports, it also tracks trade in services and investment flows between the United States and other nations.

Commerce Secretary Ronald Brown acknowledged the growing role of services in the U.S. economy and said the Clinton administration is taking action to support that sector.

"Our airline industry initiatives, our programme to build a

Services export reduces U.S. trade deficit by 11.7 per cent Japan, one trading partner with

ture and the high priority we assign to the protection of intellectual property in international trade are all examples of this commitment," he said in a statein addition to a surplus in services

during the first quarter, the United States posted a surplus in investment income and a decline in unilateral transfers such as foreign aid. But it had yet another deficit in merchandise 'We see some weakening on

the goods position." David Jones, an economist with Aubrey G. Lanston and Co., said. The U.S. economy "is recovering before other major economics" and fueling American appetites for foreign goods.

At the same time, the weak economies of many U.S. trading partners are curbing their ability to purchase American products. That's been a drag," Mr.

PEKING (AFP) — Senior leader

Deng Xiaoping has warned of social upheaval unless greater

attention is paid to improving the

living standard of China's 900

million peasants, an official

the 1990s, it is very likely to be in agriculture," Mr. Deng was quoted as saying by the weekly

"If there is agricultural trouble, the country would not recover for

many years and the development

of the overall economic and social

situation would be severely

affected," the 88-year-old leader

Rural unrest, including riots in

some regions, have increased

since the ruling Communist Party

in accordance with Mr. Deng's

The discontent is in large part

due to abuse by local officials.

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'If economic trouble occurs in

magazine has said.

New Century.

a flat economy, has reported that its trade surplus fell 0.1 per cent in May, the first decline in 29 months.

The drop from last year's levels included a 2.1 per cent decline in the surplus with the United States, the first in 14 months. Japan accounted for 59 per cent of America's merchandise trade deficit last year.

The U.S. current account deficit peaked at \$160.20 billion in 1987 and then fell steadily each year until 1991, when it totalled just \$3.68 billion in part because of allied reimbursement of U.S. expenses in the Gulf war.

But the gap began widening last year, reaching \$62.45 billion. and many analysts believe it will top \$100 billion again this year. The commerce report said the merchandise trade deficit rose to

\$29.07 billion in the first quarter from \$25.96 billion in the fourth. Exports fell to \$111.63 billion from \$113.99 billion. But imports

Deng warns of 'severe'

rural trouble for China

grew to \$140.70 billion from \$139.95 billion during the October-December period. The deficit is the difference between exports and imports.

The surplus in services totalled \$14.62 billion, up from \$13.43 billion in the final three months of 1992. Receipts totalled \$46.30 billion, nearly half of which was for travel and passenger fares. Besides banking and travel,

services include royalties, health care, insurance, telecommunications, education, business and technological support and consulting.

Also partly offsetting the goods deficit was a \$1.61 billion surplus in investment income, compared to a fourth-quarter deficit of \$806 million. Income receipts on U.S. assets

rose to \$27.02 billion from \$25.75 billion. Income payments on foreign assets in the United States decreased to \$25.40 billion from \$26.56 billion, partly because of lower interest rates.

modernising our fleet — we have to replace 50 airliners in the very near future," Aeroflot international commercial head Vladimir Tikhonov told a conference on upgrading Russia's transport network. "Our planes do not meet new

Aeroflot

MOSCOW (R) — Russian state

international airline Aeroflot

needs \$1.2 billion to help replace

its ageing fleet of noisy fuel-gri

"One of our main priorities is

guzzling airliners, a senior official has said.

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noise requirements due to come into force in 1995 and this could push as to the verge of bankruptcy," he said. "We need serious investment — 1.2 billion."

Aeroflot, formerly the Soviet state airline, shed a huge fleet of domestic airliners after the com-

munist monolith collapsed and

now flies only international

It runs 109 planes, all of them Soviet-made except for five Western Airbus A-310 wide-bodied

Aeroflot can survive, but without the support and help of the international community it will be difficult." Mr. Tikhonov said. He did not specify whether the airline would buy Western jets or the new generation of Russian planes.

"We need to invest now -- it would be a mistake to wait for political and economic stabilisation in Russia because this wen't happen for some time," he pointed out.

The airline wants to start priva-tising itself by the end of this year, and Mr. Tikhonov said the government would hold a 50 per cent stake for the first five years.

This could then be sold, possibly to foreign investors," he said.

Germany as a whole. Germany says economy could contract more than expected

economy will shrink even more this year than was forecast earlier unless it stops declining in the second half of the year, Economics Minister Guenter Rexrest

Leading economic think-tanks and the main industrial lobby were even more pessimistic. saying that Germany's recession was likely to last longer than expected and that there was little chance of even a moderate recovery until late next year. "An economic turnaround is

not yet visible...the government expects the economy to pick up in the second half of this year," Mr. Rexrodt said in a speech to par-"(But) should the economy not

see the turnaround, a decline of two per cent or more cannot be excluded," he added, referring to west Germany's gross demestic product (GDP).

quarter west German GDP fell 1.5 per cent from the previous quarter to stand 3.2 per cent below the same quarter last year.

"In western Germany, the recession accelerated in the first quarter," Mr. Rexrodt said, adding that only stronger recovery in the global economy could fuel a pick-up.

Separately, a senior government source told reporters that the economy would not reach its lowest point in the second quarter but said he was optimistic of a pick-up early next year.

unemployment would be between four and five million by the start of next year. The increase would be largely in west Germany as east Germany's jobless figure hovers around 1.2 million.

ern markets.

"Even if the economic decline

The source said pan-German this year," it said. taxes. It said in 1994 alone, indus-

try would be burdened by 22 Data for May gave a west German jobless total of 2.15 million and 1.10 million for east Official GDP data published Germany, not adjusted for sea- west Germany's worst recession Germany recently.

The government still provides separate statistics for east and west Germany in order to monitor the changes as the former communist east adjusts to west-

progress is being made in reduc-

ing inflation, still averaging 4.25

per cent in 1993," the commission

said. Inflation is expected to fall

It said that the EC slid into reces

sion in the second half of 1992

and that its economy would

shrink further in the first half of

1993, level off in the second half

of the year and start improving in

The commission predicts that

recession this year will be worst in

western Germany, with GDP shrinking by 2.5 per cent (two per

cent for Germany as a whole).

Other shrinking economies are

Belgium (down 1.25 per cent),

France (down 0.75 per cent), and

Spain and the Netherlands (down

record zero growth, with positive growth in Ireland (2.25 per cent),

Britain (1.5 per cent), Luxem-

bourg (one per cent). Greece

(0.75 per cent) and Portugal (0.5

The commission expects

growth to speed up next year in Britain, Denmark and Ireland

(2.5 per cent), Luxembourg (two

per cent), Italy, Portugal and

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Germany's leading industrial lobby, the Federation of German Industry (BDI), said the economy was still declining and that unless the government redirected its finance policies the recession could last longer than expected.

ends during the summer months, from industry's perspective it seems that a turnaround in the economy is no longer probable The federation warned the government against introducing new

billion marks (\$13.4 billion) in

ever. In the key capital goods industry alone there were 275,000 fewer jobs in March than a year

The Kiel-based IFW economic research institute, one of Germany's six leading economic think-tanks, said a recovery could begin in the spring of 1994 when the first effects of lower interest rates are expected to be felt. However, it would only be

ment's failure to curb the widening budget deficit and the planned introduction of higher tax burdens on industry. "The state will not find the strength to make decisive cuts in

moderate because of the govern-

expenditure and instead will drastically raise taxes and social security charges in order to narrow the budget deficit," it added. The Hamburg-based HWWA

research institute said west Germany's recession would reverse The BDI said the slump was the positive trend seen in east

who have either levied dozens of unauthorised taxes on farmers or diverted agricultural funds for personal gain — leaving farmers with IOUs for their crops. Market price reform has also raised farmers' expenses and caused incomes to stagnate.

economy last year.

further aggravating the growing wealth gap in China that has left the inland areas lagging far behind the booming coast. The magazine did not say when Mr. Deng made the warning, but authoritative agricultural officials say that the senior leader also said recently that China faced social instability if agriculture was

ignored. With four of every five Chinese living in the countryside, the authorities can ill afford to anger farmers. Rural support carried the communists to power in 1949. but recent developments appear to have diminished that support.

"The weight of the burden on farmers has exceeded what they

to pad their pockets, splurge on banquets or take holiday. can tolerate." New Century said. As a result, it added, relations between local officials and The central government has peasants were "extremely issued numerous directives banstrained.

Signs of rural unrest have become more prominent this year and have been exacerbated by widespread drought. Hundreds of thousands of farmers, meanwhile, have poured into cities, disrupting urban social order to varying degrees. Earlier this month, hundreds of

peasants in Mr. Deng's native Sichuan province — irate at being ched vehicles and smashed property, Chinese sources said. Unrest has also been reported in several other provinces.

In a damning expose, the magazine equated the current situation to China before the 1949 communist revolution, when corrupt nationalist officials laid the seeds for their own demise by overtaxing peasants. It reported dissent within the

Communist Party, quoting one illage party secretary as condemning the present state of affairs. "In the past, we used to say that the Kuomintang levied a lot of taxes and the Communist Party held a lot of meetings. Now it's

different, the party does both," the leader said. The wave of corruption sweeping rural China has also aroused the ire of some army units, with officers and troops writing to the authorities to demand that something be done, the magazine said. Most recruits come from the countryside and their families

have suffered from official abuses. Farmers in some areas were locking themselves inside their homes every time officials came to collect taxes, the report said, adding that local governments had created dozens of new taxes

set un their own protection rackets, hiring thugs to enforce their will, sometimes by violence. Agriculture Minister Liu Jiang

ning taxes from exceeding five

per cent of a farmer's annual

income, but regional govern-

ments continue to ignore them.

said the government will forge

ahead with market reforms in the

Chinese countryside despite a

host of problems.

Some local officials had even

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GENERAL TENDENCIES: The well aspected New Moon in Gemi-ni establishes more harmony at thoughts working nicely. Good day to handle records, correspondence

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TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) There is a chance you can better your business interests by a new approach at them so gain advance in this way while later, look into new contacts possible. GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) A

day to use your best arguments and judgment to get closer to an out-side contact of importance while tonight into budget matters. MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Think about how to quick-

ly add to your efficiency whereyour own activities are concerned and you make headway, then avoid deceptive people. LEO: (July 22 to August 21) Con-

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Daiei merges with 3 affiliates

TOKYO (AFP) — Japan's biggest supermarket operator, Daiei Inc., has announced it was taking over three affiliates in a share swap worth some 193 billion yen (\$1.8 billion) at current market

"We decided that uniting them with Daiei was the best way to survive severe business conditions. Daiei Chairman Isamu Nakauchi

told reporters. Daiei currently holds 42 per cent of one of the three companies, Chujitsuya Co. Ltd., a listed medium-sized supermarket chain in the Tokyo area. It also holds 26 per cent of Uneed Daiei Co. Ltd., a supermarket based on the southern island of Kyushu, and 100 per cent of Dainaha Co., Ltd., on

The deal, involving the issue of almost 168 million Daiei shares, will boost the parent company's sales from around 2,015 billion yen in the year to March to an estimated 2,600 billion.

Daiei suffered a 13 per cent

We will promote an efficient sales system and create a new organisation to meet changing social situations as well as consumer demand," Mr. Nakauchi

slide in pre-tax earnings to 24 billion yen in the year to March, its first such decline since 1972, and Mr. Nakauchi hinted at similar rationalisation by other supermarket chains. "It is inevitable to reorganise groups to survive competitive business conditions," he

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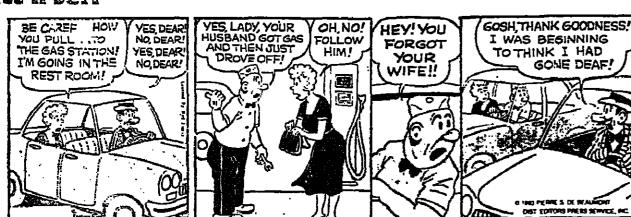




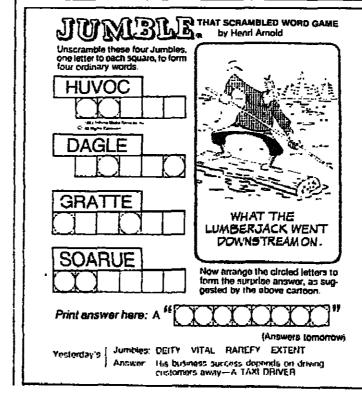
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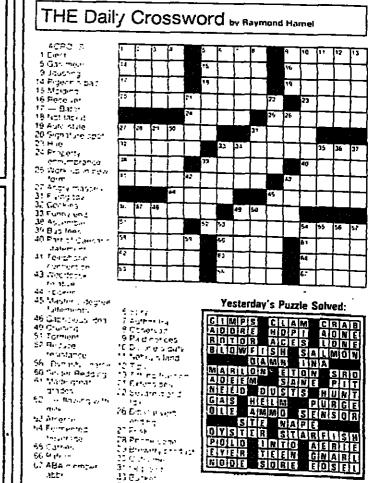


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Behraini Dinar	1.8170	1.8350
Lebanese Lira	0.038850	0.040765
Saudi Riyal	0.1838	0.1852
Kuwaiti Dinar	2.2300	2.2900
Qatari Riyal	0.1871	0.1910
Egyptian Pound	0.2000	0.2200
Omani Riyal	1.7610	1.8020
UAE Dirham	0.1871	0.1910
Greek Drachma	0.3088	0.3388
Cypriot Prund ,	1.3820	1.4280

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ask Japan for more investment

TOKYO (AFP) - Six Gulf nations called on Japan Friday for more investment to stimulate their industrial restructuring, Japanese foreign ministry offi-

The six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) made the request at the third round of the Japan-GCC consultations, which was held here following the second meeting in Riyadh in

cials said

The foreign ministry accepted the request, saying it would help the Japanese private sector extend investment to GCC members Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Oman, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

The GCC delegation was headed by Mamon Kurdi, coordinator general for GCC negotia-tion, while the Japanese side was represented by Kunihiko Saito, a deputy foreign minister. At the meeting, they agreed to

arrange discussions between private sectors from both sides as early as the end of the year, the officials said. Meanwhile, Japan called on its main crude oil supplier to pledge a stable oil supply. The six GCC

lion barrels per day to Japan last Japan has sought to boost relations with GCC countries in a bid to ensure stable crude supplies in view of its increasing reliance on

members exported about 2.7 mil-

Gulf states | \$1.6 billion lapses in a memory lapse of Kuwaiti official

KUWAIT (R) - A Kuwaiti official questioned over the disappearance of 510 million dinars (\$1.6 billion) in public money said he could not recall where it had gone.

Newspapers reporting a briefing by parliament speaker Ahmad Al Saadoun, did not name the official involved or his function.
"I cannot remember where the money went," Sheikh Saadoun quoted the official as saying according to the newspapers.

Opposition veteran Saadoun indicated the official was being questioned during a probe into allegations of fraud at home and abroad in the management of Kuwaiti public funds.

The London-based Kuwait Investment Office (KIO) is suing

former executives and advisers over alleged fraud and mismanagement following losses of \$4 billion in Spain. The KIO manages a worldwide investment portfolio meant to sustain Kuwaitis when their country's oil runs out.

Sheikh Saadoun said one of the most important achievements of the recently-revived parliament had been the enactment in February of a law aimed at protecting public funds.

Arab stock markets to be linked this year

markets in the Arab World will be linked for the first time when an ambitious data base project is completed by the Arab Monetary Fund (AMF) this year, the AMF said in a report.

The project is part of a drive by the Abu Dhabi-based AMF to develop regional stock markets to attract overseas Arab investment, estimated at \$670 billion, the

It was launched in 1987 but was held up by the Gulf war, which split the 21-nation Arab League and damaged the region's biggest stock market in Kuwait.

"The fund has resumed work to finish arrangements associated with the data base system, which will be operated this year," the report said. "The system is in-

information about Arab stock markets and publish them regularly. This will establish a link among such markets, identify investment opportunities and activate operations."

According to the report, 10 Arab states have formal stock exchanges, in which 1,063 companies and banks operate with a capitalisation of around \$30.2 billion. But the figure does not include the Kuwaiti market, which had a capitalisation of \$10 billion before the 1990 Iraqi inva-

The AMF was created in 1976 to help member states tackle a persistent balance of payments deficit but in the past five years it has started to focus on supporting reforms after their economic activity.

It also wants to develop existing stock markets and encourage members without formal ex-. changes to open floors to boost national savings and ensure the success of privatisation within the

reform programmes, The Arab countries which have official floors are Jordan, Bahrain, Tunisia, Oman, Kuwait, Lebanon, Egypt, Morocco, Iraq and Syria.

The AMF report said the computerised data base would cover other Arab states once they establish markets. But it added those projects needed time in such countries as war-hit Sudan and Somalia as well as Libya and Mauritania, where the public sector still dominates economic

Official sees Gulf common market in few years

ABU DHABI (AFP) — Gulf Arab states will fulfill their dream of a common market in a few years when their national currencies are aligned, stock markets linked and customs barriers torn down, a Gulf official said Tues-

"There are sincere intentions in the GCC member states to achieve economic integration and establish a common market," Mohammad Al Mulia, secretary general of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Federateion of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, told AFP here.

"My feeling is that the market will see light in a few years," he said during a GCC seminar.

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signed in 1992 by GCC states of Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Kuwait. Oman, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates (UAE). GCC officials say they have

made headway, but more work remains to bridge the currency and customs gap. GCC finance ministers will

hold more talks on currently alilgnment this year while their leaders will discuss proposals for a unified customs tariff on foreign imports of eight to 10 per cent. Such tariffs currently vary between four and 20 per cent.

"The holding of this seminar is in response to growing public demands to accelerate the implementation of the remaining arti-A common market is stipulated cles of the 1982 economic agreein the economic agreement ment and reach a common market." Mulla said, "The GCC unity and cohesion during the Iraqi aggression against Kuwait will help achieve that goal."

He said the seminar was part of a campaign by the private sector to press for GCC economic integration, and similar meetings would be held in future.

"The private sector will be an instrument of pressure and encouragement to spur governments on that project," he added. Addressing the symposium, en-titled "GCC... Without Barriers," GCC Secretary General Fahim Al Qassimi said closer

economic links among member

states would strengthen their position in negotiations with world economic blocs. He said implementation of the

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would eventually lead to a common Gulf market "with more than 20 million consumers and strong purchasing power."

Most GCC membrs boosted spending in 1993 after they completed payment of the Gulf war costs of more than \$50 million. Total GCC expenditure was proiected at \$80 billion in 1993 compared with 76 billion in 1991.

Sheikh Quwaiz said the increase in world oil demand would help cut deficits in the GCC budgets and balances of payments, which have persisted since oil prices began to climb down in

the past decade. improvement in the GCC are an abroad.

1982 agreement was slow, but it increase in the capacity of industrial units, better performance by regional banks and the return of part of the overseas funds," he told the seminar on trade barriers in the 12-year-old economic and : defence alliance.

"In Saudi Arabia alone, 🕍 around \$25 billion have returned. This shows that such funds were. transferred out in search of better return, not because of any government restrictions. When the return improved, they were... brought back," he pointed out. -.

Addressing the seminar, Sheikh Qassimi urged greater contribution by the GCC private sectors which still relies mainly on e past decade.

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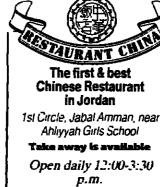
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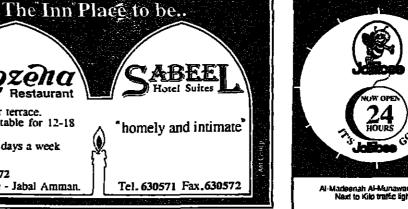
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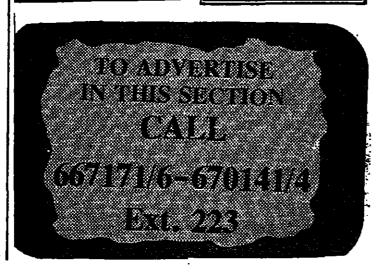




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Te Klerk

PRETORIA (Agencies) — President F.W. De Klerk warned Friday that South Africa's democracy negotiators would insist that any political party that killed police and civilians stop if it settlement.

"A resolution is being deliber-ated which must once and for all call all political movements with private armies to order, to lay down their arms, to stop their armed struggles and become part of a negotiated settlement," Mr. De Klerk told police cadets at a

graduation parade here.

Mr. De Klerk was clearly referring to the hardline PanAfricanist Congress (PAC) and its armed wing, the Azanian Peo-

APLA announcement at regional talks in Namibia Thursday that said the guerrilla army had killed around 90 South African policemen this year and that all policemen, whatever their race, were legitimate targets.

Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel told AFP that the resolution requiring participants to lay down their arms was put to the democracy talks Friday morn-

Mr. Kriel said the government would have to seriously consider pressing for the PAC's explusion from the talks if they refused to put down their arms.

PAC) can sit around the table if they don't stop killing our policemen," the minister added.

ter Roelf Meyer meanwhile told Friday's session of the democracy talks near Johannesburg that the PAC's attitude was "something we can tolerate no longer." "We have a participant here

who is not prepared to suspend the armed struggle... (and who is) negotiating on one side and proceeding with the armed struggle on the other," Mr. Meyer said.

woman here said 95 officers had been killed on duty so far this year. The figure for last year was 226, she said.

Meanwhile, Zulu leader Man-

gosuthu Buthelezi said Friday he believed in a federal system for a democratic South Africa and warned civil war might be the only option if this goal was de-

The head of the Zulu Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) said more violence would result if President De Klerk's government and Nelson Mandela's ANC tried to railroad a unitary state through constitutional negotiations.

lence, I never accepted violence as a way of solving problems. But what will be will be," he told foreign correspondents. Asked if he was prepared to

lead his people in revolt, he replied: "If it is the only option, to lead my people through these dark waters, then it will be the option I will follow."

not committed in any way to an election on April 27, as agreed by most participants in 26-party

itself is not a magic wand. 'We are definitely not commit-

Inkatha.

low-intensity civil war for eight years, in which at least 15,000

and right-wing white groups walked out of democracy talks Tuesday protesting their demand for a federal system in postpushed aside by the ANC and the government, the two major play-

Correspondents Association over breakfast Friday that federalism offered the only peaceful solution for South Africa's diverse peo-

"If they go without us, it is a recipe for civil war," he said.

He said Inkatha was excluded from "any say" in the setting of the election date. But he said his party would

continue to take part in the talks and would participate in a Transitional Executive Council, a multi-party body planned to prepare the ground for elections.

Inkatha wants the negotiations to produce a new constitution which would be put to the people in a referendum and would be followed by a general election for

Fighting continues in central Bosnia as truce takes effect

brokered ceasefire went into effect across Bosnia-Herzegovina at midday Friday, amid caution about its chances of success and reports of continued Muslim-Croat fighting in central Bosnia. U.N. officials said they ex-

pected all fighting in the republic to die down but not stop completely when the truce came into effect at noon (1000 GMT). A few minutes after the dead-

line passed, intermittent mortar rounds, tank fire and automatic gunfire could still be heard in the Bosnian capital.

U.N. Protection Force (UN-PROFOR) spokesman Barry Frewer told a press briefing that Croat and Muslim forces were still fighting in central Bosnia around Novi Travnik, 80 kilometres from Sarajevo. On Thursday Major Frewer

had predicted that there would be "minor pockets of fighting" and that the key was to see "how the ceasefire consolidates" over the next few weeks.

PHNOM PENH (R) - The lead-

ers of Cambodia's two main par-

ties reached agreement Friday on

how to share power in an interim

administration to run the country

until a constitution can be writ-

ten, a government spokesman

"It was very good, very good." incumbent Phnom Penh Prim

Minister Hun Sen told reporte

upon leaving a 21/2 hour meet:

with his foe through civil war : 1 a bitter election campaign p. :-

winner Prince Norodom Ranar-

"It is historic that we came to

Prince Norodom Sihanouk,

Prince Ranariddh's father but a

neutral head of state, will serve as

the commander-in-chief of the

armed forces during the up-to three months it will take the newly

elected national assembly to draft

No other details of the com-

A spokesman for Mr. Ranar-

promises reached on Friday were

makers adopted late Thursday a

series of measures aimed at

clamping down on immigration,

of convenience.

reuniting families.

cases within 15 days.

including new rules on marriages

an immigration bill proposed by

Interior Minister Charles Pasqua,

agreed a number of measures

concerning residence permits and

On the matter of marriages of

convenience, they agreed a clause

allowing officials to refer cases in

which there was "serious" suspi-

cion to government authorities.

who would rule on individual

They also agreed to bar fore-

igners from obtaining French

nationality by marrying a French

person while in an irregular situa-

tion, although an amendment

seeking to ban such weddings was

withdrawn as being anti-constitutional.

seekers, the lawmakers ...

amendment requiring

people seeking entry to

be interviewed by an e

On the question of asylum

They also agreed to increase

the potential jail term on depor-

on reporting election results, a human rights group said Friday

that business tycoon Moshood

K.O. Abiola was the winner in

Nigeria's attempt to elect a civi-

The National Electoral Com-

mission (NEC) had ordered the

outcome of Saturday's election

suppressed pending resolution of

lian leader.

he parliamentarians, debating

(AFP photo)

French lawmakers agree on

immigration clampdown

PARIS (AFP) - French law- tees who attempt to

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Rights group declares

iddh's royalist FUNCINPEC par-

The two leaders were working

under pressure from Prince Siha-

France from three years to 10

years, despite charges that the

amendment was politically sensi-

Mr. Pasqua said the rules as

adopted "consolidate the situa-

tion of asylum-seekers, setting

down in law their rights and

In other matters, the lawmak-

ers agreed that foreigners who

an agreement on how to share power," Sok An, a spokesman for Hun Sen's ruling Cambodian People's Party (CPP) told repor-

The truce agreement, reached

SARAJEVO (AFP) - A U.N.- Tuesday at Sarajevo Airport by military leaders of Bosnia's three warring parties, is ambiguous. It states that as of noon Friday "all three parties shall issue written orders to their forces to cease

> The head of the mainly Muslim Bosnian army, Rasim Delic, said in Sarajevo Wednesday that he had issued orders for his troops to stop fighting.
> Ahead of the ceasefire

Sarajevo Radio reported Friday nationalist Serb shelling of the besieged Maslim enclave of Gorazde, despite the arrival there Thursday of the first U.N. military observer team since the region of 70,000 people was declared a U.N. safe area.

The radio said shelling of the town of Gorazde stopped Thursday, but that shelling and infantry assaults on the defence lines around the eastern Bosnian town continued with even greater in-tensity than Wednesday. It said the fiercest fighting were in Ilovaca, 10 kilometres southwest of the

Cambodian leaders reach a power pact

Meanwhile in Rome, Croatian President Franjo Tudjman said he wanted to guarantee Muslim interests in a proposed division of Bosnia into three ethnic-based

He denied having agreed to a carve-up of Bosnia with Serbia. "No agreement has been reached between me and President Slobodan Milosevic," he said in the Friday edition of the Italian daily

To show Croat goodwill to Muslims, "despite the offensive of their forces against Croat civi-lians in central Bosnia, Croatia is prepared to guarantee them acto the sea... at Ploce, north of Dubrovnik.' Bosnian President Alija Izetbe-

govic has already rejected the Croat-Serb plan, despite criticism from Europes 1 Community mediator Lord ' wen who urged him to conside 'he proposal. inia, Sarajevo In central ! Radio said the Bosnian Croat army, the HVO Inursday shelled Muslim villa s around Hadzici, 10 kilometr's southwest of

Sarajevo, and Visoko, 20 kilometers to the northwest.

It also said HVO was cooperating with Serbs in attacks on the mainly Muslim Bosnian army in Visoko and Vares, 30 kilometres northwest of Sarajevo.

Vares is under Croat control but surrounded by Bosnian Mus-lims. Some 15,000 Croat refugees there said Thursday they would head Friday to safer areas under Croat control. Most had fied from the central town of Kakani amid a Muslim offensive in central Bosnia launched in early

Meanwhile in a stunning turnabout, international mediators have urged Bosnia's Muslim-led government to accept Serb-Croat proposals to divide Bosnia into three ethnic zones, conceding the failure of a plan for 10 auton-

Mr. Izetbegovic at first said he couldn't accept the new proposals. Later Thursday, however, he hinted that negotiation was possible and agreed to meet again with Serb and Croat leaders.

although a signatory to the 1991

accords ending Cambodia's civil

war, turned its back on the elec-

storage tanks ablaze in Soyo, but

the rebels say government forces

Separately, UNITA spokes-man in Portugal Adalberto Junior

said the armed movement's lead-

er Jonas Savimbi has prepared to

meet U.S. Assistant Secretary of

State for African Affairs George

Moose, who is due to visit the

Angolan capital Luanda Monday.

of a European tour also taking

him to Germany, Italy and Bel-

gium, said his delegation planned

to meet French government offi-

Mr. Valentim, in Paris as part

shelled them.

Gunfire, blast in Haiti as U.N. announces embargo

PORT-AU-PRINCE. Haiti (Agencies) - Automatic gunfire and a bomb blast erupted in two suburbs of the capital, hours after the U.N. Security Council turned up the pressure on rulers by approving a worldwide embargo.

No injuries or damages were reported, and it was not known if the disturbances early Thursday were linked to the announcement of the oil and arms embargo.

The sanctions will take effect next week unless the ruling military and civilian elite permit the reinstatement of exiled President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, the country's first democratically elected president. Haiti's military, the real power

in the country following Mr. Aristide's 1991 overthrow, reacted to the U.N. announcement by warning Haitians not to hoard gasoline. In a news release, the military, citing a law against stockpiling fuel, said it would not let gas stations sell fuel in drums or

Many wealthy residents have already stocked up on gasoline. The military is believed to have several months' supply of fuel. Lines were normal at service stations in the capital and in the hillside suburb of Petionville

Thursday. The bomb exploded in Petionville, a hillside suburb of the capital and the home of such

public figures as army Commander Lt. Gen. Raoul Cedras. Automatic gunfire was heard in the capital's uptown Canape Vert Road and in the midtown neigh-

bourhood of Turgeot.
Nighttime gunfire was commonplace in the weeks preceding Marc Bazin's resignation on June 8 as prime minister, as heavily armed robbers terrorised the capital's poor neighbourhoods. The police did not answer appeals

Mr. Bazin beaded the militarybacked government before he was forced to resign after disagreeing with the army.

The crime wave ended about the same time Mr. Bazin res-

Mr. Clinton said Tuesday a peaceful settlement of the political crisis in Haiti is unlikely with-

out the involvement of foreign

peacekeeping troops.

Mr. Clinton, speaking at a
White House news conference,
said that "since both sides mistrust each other...there in my judgement will never be a resolution...unless we have a multinational peacekeeping force."

Mr. Clinton said it was "a

disappointment" that the military-backed Haitian government and ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide had rejected the U.S.-backed proposal for sending a multi-national peacekeeping force to help res-

tore democracy.

The United States fully backs a slate of tough U.N. sanctions on the Caribbean country designed to squeeze its authorities into restoring democracy, he said.

"I think it will make a difference and members of Congress who are expert in Haitian affairs-...believe it will make a differ-ence," Mr. Clinton said.

He said the United States had pushed for strengthening the sanctions to include an oil embar-

The U.N. Security Council resolution approved late Wednes-day calls for an oil and arms embargo and a freeze on Haitian government assets.

The measures take effect on June 23, unless negotiations sponsored by the Organisation of American States (OAS) and the United Nations have been com-

Once in effect, the sanctions would only be lifted after U.N. Secretary General Boutros Ghali reports that "the de Facto authorities in Haiti have signed and have begun implementing in good faith an agreement to reinstate the legitimate government" of Mr. Aristide.

Pakistan president moves to reconcile with Sharif

ISLAMABAD (AFP) -- Pakistani President Ghulam Ishaq Khan Friday held out an olive branch to Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif after a bitter months-long power

struggle between the two leaders.
"The president and the prime minsiter were integral parts of the system and could not do without each other," the 78-year-old head of state said in a rare interview with an Islamahad daily.

No immediate comment was available from Mr. Sharif or his

allies about Mr. Ishaq Khan's reconciliation move. The statement was the first of

its kind by the president since the Pakistani Supreme Court on May 26 reinstated the National Assembly and Mr. Sharif, declaring Mr. Ishaq Khan's April 18 dissolution order and sacking of the premier illegal.

In the interview with The News, the president said he had taken the action "according to my

Malawi leader vows to stay despite multi-party vote

BLANTYRE (AFP) - Malawi's able." President Hastings Kamuzu Banda, said Thursday he would not resign to make way for a transitional government, despite an overwhelming rejection of his autocratic one-party rule in a re-

ferendum Monday.
In his first and long-awaited public response after the referendum results were announced early Wednesday morning, Mr. Banda said: "The suggestion that the government or I should resign to be replaced by an interim government, is therefore out of the

The results of the referendum in which 63 per cent of voters approved the introduction of multi-party politics, did not mean that the ruling Malawi Congress Party had ceased to exist, he said.

Nor did it mean that multiparty advocates had been elected to replace the present government, Mr. Banda said.

The referendum was clearly about a system of national politics," he said in a special address to the nation on state radio Thursday night.

a U.N. conference from Hawaii. Puerto Rico and Afro-American and American Indian groups have accused the United States of systematic violations of the buman rights it professes to defend. Four non-governmental orga-nisations (NGOs) stated on the sidelines of the U.N. World Hu-

nounced in developing countries, but not in the industrialised Kihei Niheu of the Hui Na'Auro rights group in Honolu-lu said that indigenous people of

the Pacific archipelago had been arrested, beaten and tortured by American authorities because they called for respect for their basic rights in the territory.

but an "American colony" since 1959. He accused federal authorities of regularly using paramilitary forces against his compatriots, denying them the right to political self-determination while a military complex was still being developed.

Ben Carnes of the Leonard Peltier Support Group alleged that the "genocide" of his people was continuing "today on the reserva-He cited cases of American

Indians arrested by police on suspicion of "subversive political activity" and denounced violence and "the death of (his) brothers" in detention.

Mr. Carnes charged, stating that his people were considered only to be good for boosting the tourist trade by dancing and by the public display of ancestral tradi-

ing for the Afro-American International Association Against Torture, quoted from a recent report saying that more than "2,000 Afro-American political prisoners" have been sentenced to death in the United States.

ers of War. 70 per cent of prisoners were "Africans" from Philadelphia and 60 of those were on death row, Mr. Chimurenga said. Margharita Mergal, the Puerto Rican representative of the rights organisation Ofensiva 92, declared that "racism is at the cen-tre of the colonial policy of the United States, which emprisons Puerto Rican men and women

Prison terms for Porto Rican. political detainces are on average 19 times longer than those handsaid, putting such sentences at

She alleged that "the conditions in which they are detained - lighting, food and space, re-

duced to the minimum - would drive any human being insanc." Ms. Mergal has launched a campaign for an amnesty for such

has stepped up diplomatic efforts to counter a few "renegade nations" who are trying to sabotage the world human rights conference, the delegation chief said Thursday.

Bangladesh, Libya, Malaysia and Syria have caused them prob-

rights, said Mr. Wirth, But he said he did not know how many hardline countries

there were. Singapore, Indonesia, United Arab Emirates, Burma and other countries have also made

He said he and John Shartuck. assistant secretary of state for human rights, have been meeting with a large number of other delegations and were forming a united front to push through a

"We keep our eye on those goals despite the frustrations that exist in the process and despite the fact that a few what I would

call renegade nations are out of the mainstream of what most people in this globe wish to do." Mr. Wirth said.

The alliance pressed conference officers Wednesday night to resolve some of the problem caused earlier in the day when China had led an effort that excluded private human rights groups from discussions of the draft committee, he said.

issues, Mr. Wirth said, but conceded that there will still be opportunities for delaying tactics. The procedures also include

more involvement of the private groups and fewer closed sessions. and the committee chairman will consult the non-governmental organisations directly, he added. Mr. Wirth, who left the U.S. Senate to join the Clinton admi-

nistration, said the frustrations he was encountering reminded him of the difficulties that can arise in The Senate relies on consensus

viduals," he said. "We will continue to do every-

thing we can to isolate those nations," Mr. Wirth said, "And we are identifying their exploita-tion of the U.N. process for what

He said the expected momentum on the document would increase next week as the two-week meeting approaches its conclusion and "I think we'll turn out with a good product at the end."

Boy recovering after having arrow removed from head

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP)—a boy who was struck in the head by an arrow is recovering rapidly and could be home to celebrate his 10th birthday later this month, doctors said. Robin Stewart was in serious condition at Swedish Medical centre, three days after being hit by a 5-foot-long (1.5 metre) arrow during a throwing tournament near Little Bigheral River in Montana. "It could is a been a fatal injury. He could have suffered devastating neurological damage," said Dr. Cynthia North gren, one of the surgeons who removed the arrowhead from Stewart's brain. His only lasting injury may be partial loss of sight, doctors said. The boy had been playing near a makeshift arena Saturday evening when the arrow hit him. Rejecting advice to put the arrow out of his son's head, Marvin Stewart drove the boy 40 miles to a hospital with the end of the arrow sticking out the car-window. Doctors there used bolt cutters to snap the wood shaft off the arrow. Robin then was flows to the Colorado Neurological Institute, where surgeons removed the arrowhead. The point piere the right side of Robin's skull and lodged on the left side of his skull, partially severing the optic nerve to his left eye. Doctors say Robin is recovering rapidly and could return home to Montana for his birthday on June 27.

Miss Australia organisers welcome male entrants

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Awards Wednesday invited men to enter after a male lifesave won one of the qualifying com-petitions. "If enough young men decide to enter the awards the would consider introducing a new category, for instance Mr. Oz," said Marelle Thornton, president of the Miss Australia Company, which runs the contest for the spastic centres of Australia. "All males who enter the awards could participate in this category," she said. In 1986, 13 men entered the awards under a special category for male entrants. The section was won by a soldier, David McEvoy, who was crowned Mr. Oz. Damain Taylor, 24, choked back tears Tuesday night as he was crowned winner of the Wintersun Quest, beating seven women, on the Queensland gold coast. For good measure, he took the Miss Charity title too. Taylor, a natural medicine student, origi-nally entered the Wintersun contest as a joke but got serious after he started to raise money for a telephone counselling service as part of the contest. After his win, Taylor said he intended entering the Miss Australia Awards contest. "I don't want to cause any waves with Miss Australia but I'm going for it." Taylor said.

Duchess of York loses seat in royal box

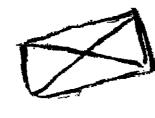
LONDON (AP) - The Duchess of York, Sarah Ferguson, has reportedly lost her automatic night to sit in the royal box at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships. The duchess, popularly known as Fergie, is expected to attend in a private capacity and sit in the centre court stands with friends, the Evening Standard newspaper reported. "We have done some extensive work to draw up plans to protect the royal family, but Fergie does not corse into it," the paper quoted. I unidentified police officer in saying. "We have been told she is to be regarded as a private member of the public unless she is invited into the royal box by another royal, or a VIP. The Duchess lost her full right to royal security protection after her spill last year from husband Prince Andrew. Wimbledon, which opens next Monday, is one of the most important events on the royal family's social calendar. Regular visitors have included Princess Diana, Princess Michael of Kent and the Duchess of Kent

Spain wins contest for young dancers

STOCKHOLM (AFP) — Spain's Zenaida Yanowsky Wednesday won the gold medal at the Eurovision Contest for Young Dancers, finishing ahead of Switzerland's Kusha Angst and Raphaelle Delaunay-Belleville of France. The other contestants were not ranked.

1-day disposable contact lenses

and Johnson will unveil contact lenses designed to be worn for a single day, then discarded and replaced with a new pair the next day. Although retail prices will be set by eye care professionals, the retail cost of 1-day activite is expected to be approximately \$1.50 per day. 1-day acriving will



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Chief government negotiator and Constitutional Affair Minis-

A South African police spokes-

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Mr. Buthelezi also said he was

He cited the post-election civil war in Angola and said: "A date for an election and the election

ted and we are not bound by it." South Africa's six million Zulus are the biggest single ethnic group. Their loyalties are beieved split between the African National Congress (ANC) and

Loyalists have been fighting a

people have been killed. The IFP and five other black apartheid South África was being

Mr. Buthelezi told the Foreign

a lawsuit brought by supporters of President Ibrahim Babangida. He said Inkatha must be part of The lawsuit claimed the ballotany consensus at the talks on the ing was rigged. Britain, which form of a future state.

sent most of the foreign observers who monitored the election, said the vote appeared fair. The Lagos-based Campaign for Democracy said the commission's final tally showed publisher and shipping magnate Abiola winning 19 of Nigeria's 30 states to 11 for banker Bashir Othman Tofa.

Mr. Abiola also won Abuja, the administrative capital and a separate district, the group said. The most recent official tallies, from Tuesday, showed Mr. Abiola winning 12 states to three for Mr. Tofa.

Campaign for Democracy

Chairman Beko Ransome-Kuti

Abiola winner in Nigeria ABUJA (AP) - Defying a ban said Mr. Abiola also met rules requiring him to win at least one third of the vote in at least 20 states. He said Mr. Abiola met the requirement in 28 states.

The results were widely circulated among politicians and rights groups after the electoral commission decided not to release results of an election meant to lead to Nigeria's first civilian government in a decade. Some Nigerian news agencies

the government had banned any publication until the commission released them. General Babangida has promised to turn over power on Aug. 27. But many Nigerians doubts that the military, which has run Nigeria for all but 10 of its 33 years of independence, will re-

furn to the barracks after years of

enjoying the fruits of government

corruption and graft.

had access to the final results, but

Fred Chijuka, the army chief spokesman, was quoted in Nigenan newspapers Friday as saying that the military remained committed to the transition and had no "hidden agenda."

Angolan rebels call for European peace initiative PARIS (AFP) — Angola's rebel the companies operating in Angola and we hope pragmatism UNITA movement has called for will win the day," Mr. Valentim said. The Angolan government has blamed UNITA for setting oil a European peace initiative in the

The Maoist Khmer Roure, national assembly

country's renewed civil war and declared that it ill cooperate with all oil companies operating "We want Europe to take the initiative to close the gap" between the Angolan government and the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA), the rebel information

Supporters of the Cambodian Royalist Party Friday stage a protest at the royal palace in Phnom Penh

nouk who said Friday that failure

to create an interim government

would play into the hands of the

practise polygamy should only be allowed to obtain a residence spokesman Jorge Valentim said permit for one spouse to live in here late Thursday. the country.
Several other measures were On the rebel seizure of the key northern Angolan oil town of Soyo, Mr. Välentim told a press conference UNITA forces plan-

adopted making it more difficult for foreigners to get visas and residency permits, although a ned to hold the town and "defend move by some deputies to reduce the oil installations " the current permitted stay from "We wish to cooperate with all 10 years to three was defeated.

Meanwhile 12 illegal Chinese residents were in jail Friday after wild scenes at Charles De Gauile Airport where policemen allegedly dragged some of them kicking and screaming towards a plane. Late Thursday a court sentenced six of the 15-strong group of illegal Chinese immigrants in-

for "refusing to embark."

VIENNA (AFP) — Delegates to volved in Wednesday's airport incident to three months in jail

> man Rights Conference here that it was regrettable that rights abuses were "unilaterally " de-

Hawaii, he charged, was not the 50th state of the United States

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At Huntingdon in Pennsylvania, according to the report by the African Network in Defence of Political Prisoners and Prison-

because they are struggling for the independence of their coun-

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prisoners and said she hoped for support from other nations at the two-week conference, which

started here Monday.

Meanwhile, the United States

who are not interested in an aggressive and clear outcome, Timothy Wirth, State Department counselor, told reporters. He declined to name the problem nations, but private organisations have said China, Iran,

There is a handful of nations

"Almost every delegation to this conference agrees with us" on the need to reject attempts to water down human rights by making them dependent on cultural differences and to strengthen U.N. enforcement of human

speeches reflecting resistance to the universal of human rights.

final document that will strengthen global enforcement of human rights.

New procedures announced as a result Thursday will expedite the drafting process and force countries to take a stand on

that body of lawmakers. as well, which "gives an inordin-ate power to a handful of indi-

Company to unveil NEW YORK (AP) - Johnson

be available in two test markets in early July, the company saids

Security measures set for 1994 World Cup

olo (Ap)
in the PONTIAC, Michigan (AP)
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armoured personnel carrier. le cody ment is installing a closed-circuit the set bot on the Silverdome. television system for surveillance

r ☆ Files have been compiled on soccer hooligans the world over, and about 20 were turned back recently at Boston's Logan Airport when they tried to attend a

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The man in charge of security for the 1994 World Cup is Edgar Best. He once headed the Los Angeles FBI office. He also was head of security for the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics.

We feel privileged to have World Cup soccer come to the United States," Best said. "We are not out to overpower people with security. We want this to be a very joyous event."

Best said organisers also are wrestling with the problem of alcohol at the nine stadiums that will be used when the tournament comes to the United States for the first time. Many, like the Silverdome, are stadiums where beer is routinely sold during NFL

"That's an area of concern," Best said. "We're not enthusiastic about it. I understand they're going to ban it in this stadium (for World Cup)."

The other World Cup stadiums are: Soldier Field in Chicago, the Cotton Bowl in Dalias, the Rose

SPORTS NEWS IN BRIEF

EUGENE, Oregon (AP) — Proving that a good little man can bear good big men, Andre Cason outraced a golden field in the 100-metre dash Thursday night at the USA-Mobil Outdoor Track and Field Championships. The 5-foot-7 (1.70 metres) runner triumphed over a ground that included world record-holder and the state of the condition o

two-time Olympic gold medalist Carl Lewis, former world record-holders Leroy Burrell and Calvin Smith, 1992 Olympic bronze medallist Dennis Mitchell and 1992 Olympic 200-meter

champion Mike Marsh. "This is really the first time for me. I'm

sure it won't be the last. It's given me a lot of confidence to know I

SYDNEY (R) — Australian scientists are building a "fast pool"

designed to help swimmers by cutting water resistance, organisers for Sydney's bid to host the 2000 Olympic games said Friday. The

"Australian 100 million (\$67 million) pool is in a multi-million

dollar aquatic centre under construction in Western Sydney as

part of the proposed complex for the games. Swimming officials

said scientists from the University of New South Wales used

computer models to estimate the effect of water turbulence on

performance. They calculated that, over 50 metres, turbulence

can push swimmers more than two metres off line unless they use

extra energy to compensate with every stroke through the water.

The "fast pool" will have low velocity inlets in both the pool walls

and floor which will circulate treated water and maintain the

below the surface. Swimming officials said the design should, in theory, produce a significant cut in swimming times.

LAUSANNE (AFP) - The Infernational Olympic Committee

Brand the heads of world sporting federations are to spond a week there tacking two problems — drugs and the law. The keynote of the sassion, which opens Saturday, is expected Monday when

•10C chief Juan Antonio Samaranch and athletics supremo Primo

Mebiolo unveil a new action plan to counter drugs in sport. Their

fairn is to harmonise the way different sports deal with the

spirit queen Katrin Krabbe have both turned to the courts over turnes cases.

Woman continuing suit against Magic Johnson

GRAND RAPIDS, Michigan (AP) — The woman who has accused former NBA star Magic Johnson of giving her the AIDS view is going forward with her lawsuit despite the disclosure of the name, her spokesman said Wednesday U.S. District Judge

r filed in October. "She knew that this day would come and she's

was an attempt by an individual in a tragic situation trying to take Acadvantage of another individual in just as tragic a situation, but in petter financial status."

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Richard Enslen in Kalamazoo, Michigan, retitled the lawsuit to she include Waymer Moore's name. The pseudonym "Jane Doe" had

d been used on court documents since the \$2 million lawsuit was

it is ready," said Moore's spokesman, Armstrong Williams. "She feels the hardest past is over and she's ready to go till the end. ... she is refuses to be intimidated." "To her, it's about integrity. She increased the the hardest past is over and she's ready to go till the end. ... she is the hardest past is over and she's ready to go till the end. ... she is the she is refused to be intimidated." "To her, it's about integrity. She increased that the hardest past is the press," Williams said.

She trusted him and she's paying the price for it." "There's no she's paying the price for it."

problem. Also worrying delegates is the trend for sportsmen and women to challenge the decisions of sporting authorities in civil courts. American runner Harry "Butch" Reynolds and German

Scientists recruited for hi-tech pool

Andre Cason beats Carl Lewis

Stanford Stadium outside San Francisco and RFK in Washing-

Some games carry a higher risk than others. For example, a game between England and Holland, whose fans are notoriously bent on violence.

"I can assure you there will be more than enough security forces in the stadiums," Best said. They won't always be visible. But they'll be there,'

Sepp Blatter, chief executive of FIFA, soccer's governing body, said he was opposed to putting up fences around the soccer fields. Fences have been tried with mixed results in England.
"We do not like fences," Blat-

ter said. "If you put people behind fences, they will act like And there apparently will be

lots of people.

Alan Rothenberg, chairman of the tournament and head of the U.S. Soccer Federation, said all but one of the nine stadiums are

prepares with his usual immacu-

late timing to chase a third Wimb-

After being treated kindly in

positions in the draw, Edberg can

look forward to a spirited work-

out during the first week for the

greater challenges ahead of him

in week two of the cham-

His main problem may be to

keep his mind on the job. The

birth of his first child is scheduled

for late July, yet another example

of the precision planning the London-based Swede brings to

his preparations for this premier

"I am already looking forward

Edberg, who lives with his

to pushing the pram," he added.

courts fine-tuning his game.

grass court event.

Jamie Morgan.

ledon title next week.

pionships.

Edberg should sail

through soft side of draw

the soft side of the draw as he after the Queen's defeat.

WIMBLEDON (R) — Stefan enough to play well. I just need to

Edberg is sitting comfortably on recharge my batteries," he said

the seedings and in the lottery for that was lacking at Queen's.

That meant I could play at Wimbledon champion in 1988

Queen's Club and Wimbledon.

Great timing, eh?" he said resuccessive bid at the cham-

Swedish wife Annette in Kensing-Svensson, ranked 29th and 38th

ton not far from the All-England in the world respectively, are no

club which stages: Wimbledon, pushovers and should provide suffered a slight biccup to his Edberg with valuable tests in the

plans when he-was beaten in a next two rounds to set him up for

thre-set quarter-final at Queen's a prospective first clash against a

last week by Australian outsider seed, number 16 Thomas Muster

should not have lost after having Even then, Edberg will not two match points in the second have much to fear from a quarter-

set tie-break and he has spent this final against either Ivan Lendl.

week at the Wimbledon practice seeded seventh but struggling

little sluggish here but I'm fit teenager who is a novice on grass.

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urts fine-tuning his game. these days, or Andrei Medvedev, "I need to be quicker. I felt a the highly promising Ukrainian

Bowl outside Los Angeles, round games. A few seats remain Giants Stadium in New Jersey, to be sold at the Silverdome. "Sos the American public has lined up behind what we always

knew would be a fine event. Rothenberg said. When it is over, Rothenberg then hopes to sell the American public on a professional soccer

eague, perhaps by 1995. It apparently was part of the deal when FIFA awarded the World Cup to the United States. "We promised FIFA we could present plans for a pro league,"
Rothenberg said. "It's still in the
works. We can't say anything else
at this time. Our goal is to do it

right, not to have any specific Pro soccer has been tried in the

U.S. before, but never lasted. "With the increasingly shrinking world, a U.S. pro soccer league is inevitable," he said. "We intend to see that it happens and that it's successful."

The 24-nation World Cup begins June 17, 1994, in Chicago, with defending champion Gersold out for first - and second- many one of the teams.

To that end, his coach Tony

Pickard was putting him through

a series of sprint repetition this

week to add the extra bit of pace

While nothing at Wimbledon is

easy, some opponents are cer-

tainly tougher than others and Edberg can thank his lucky stars

that souch big serve-and-

volleyers as Pete Sampras,

Dutchman Richard Krajicek,

Germans Boris Becker and

Michael Stich and dangerous

Swiss floater Marc Rosset, the

Olympic champion, are in the

other half of the draw. So, too, is

successive bid at the cham-

pionships against a qualifier still

Amos Mansdorf and Jonas

of Austria, at the start of the

Even then, Edberg will not

to be determined.

The 27-year-old second seed,

NBA finals

Bulls need one more victory

Barkley tells Suns to get tougher on Jordan

CHICAGO (Agencies) — Your move, Phoenix.

The Chicago Bulls made all the right adjustments in game 4 of the NBA finals. Now it's up to the Suns to make a strategic counter-

attack in game 5, or the Bulls will become three-time champions. On Wednesday night, Michael Jordan turned to his inside game and finished with 55 points, the most in the finals since 1967. The result was a 111-105 Chicago victory and a 3-1 lead for the Bulls. Charles Barkley has something to say to his teammates about his good friend Michael Jordan: Hit him. Knock him down.

Both sides expect the Phoenix Suns to try to put a lot more physical pressure on Jordan as the Chicago Bulls are just one win away from their third successive NBA title.

Barkley said his teammates gave up too many three-point plays by not fouling hard enough to prevent the basket — committing what he

In all, the Bulls scored 26 layups, dunks and tip-ins in the 111-105 win. Jordan had 10 of them and Scottie Pippen seven. Jordan, who was just 13-for-18 at the free throw line, had six three-point opportunities but failed to convert two.

Barkley dined with Jordan after the game and, Jordan said he assured me there isn't going to be too many easy layups" Friday. But Jordan plans to keep going inside anyway.

"I'm pretty sure they will (be more physical) because I did get a lot

of easy layups and a lot of penetration. But if I'm going to get them into foul trouble - great. If the lane's going to be there I'm going to

Dan Majerle, one of three defenders the Suns threw against Jordan, agreed with Barkley. "We have to step up and not leave the middle available to 'air.' He was running a layup drill." Barkley said he would prefer his teammates give the hard fouls because Phoenix could not afford to have him in foul trouble as he is

"an integral part of our offence." But retired superstar Magic Johnson suggested Barkley's friendship for Jordan might have held him back on the key play of game four, a basket and foul shot by Jordan with 13.3 seconds to go. The Suns trailed by just two points until Jordan made the tough, curling flip shot despite a nudge from Barkley.

Johnson said any contact at all was going to result in a foul call, so Barkley might as well have gotten his money's worth by hitting Jordan hard enough to prevent a shot.

"Charles made a big mistake," Johnson said. "You can't worry about a friendship and try to win. No matter what he did, Michael was going to get that call."

The friendship between the calculating Jordan and the more

spontaneous Barkley is an intriguing one, but they say it takes nothing away from their competitiveness. "We respect each other so much as friends off the court, but we are

both fierce competitors and we would never let that affect the way we compete against each other," said Jordan.
"I think we have a relationship where we can joke so much about what's at stake, but we know when we're on the basketball court,

we're at each other's throat. I like that type of relationship. The contrast in how they motivate themselves is striking.

Jordan has talked repeatedly about his hunger to "make history" by winning a third successive title, something no team has done since



Bulls' ace Michael Jordan No. 23

the Celtics' 1959-66 reign. But Barkley said: "I don't get desperate about no sporting event -

unless I'm on the golf course. "This basketball stuff is just something I do, it's my job. It's not the most important thing in the world," he said.

Barkley, who had a triple double (32 points, 12 rebounds, 10 assists) in game four, said it would be "fun" to go back to Phoenix even if the Suns fail to force a game six and seven. But Jordan said: "If anybody wants to go back to Phoenix they're

Iraq beat Pakistan 4-0; qualify to 2nd round

CHENGDU (AFP) - Iraq trounced Pakistan 4-0 Friday to extend their unbeaten stretch in the Asian qualifying zone for the 1994 World Cup finals in the United States. With one match still to play, the Iraqis are already assured of

winning Group A. Yemen was to face China in Friday's late match.

Iraq join Japan, South Korea, North Korea and Saudi Arabia who already have places in the six-team second round which will decide Asia's two teams at next year's finals.

Standings after Friday's 1st match

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Iraq China	7	6	1	_	27	2	13
	6	4		2	15	3	8
Yemen	7	3	2	2	12	12	8
Jordan	7	1	3	3	7	15	5
Pakistan	7			7	2	31	6

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clothes to Palestinian refugees in Gaza Camp.

Toyota to challenge Peugeot

LE MANS, France (AFP) — Todt has no illusions. Peugeot's last fling in top-level motor racing is to be a dogfight with Japan's Toyota in the legendary 24-hour endurance race here

With the sportscar cham-Formula One, the world beating slightest problems.' 905s will be consigned to the rapheap of history Sunday

One team a few days later.

"The danger comes from Toyota," he predicted. Top driver Philippe Alliot

added: "It's going to be tough. Toyota could well make us suffer pionship scrapped and the French as the gars are very close. To win. firm determined not to move into we must steer clear of even the

Both manufacturers have entered three cars apiece, with Only team manager Jean Todt Peugeot hoping to repeat their will be baking the transition, join-success last year, and Toyota ing Ferrari's struggling Formula aiming to emulate Mazda, who became the first Japanese firm to But here in western France.

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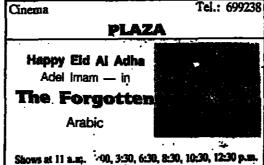
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Azeri president flees Baku; ex-party leader takes over

BAKU (Agencies) - Azerbaijan's legally elected president stepped down and left Baku Friday, a day after rebels said they would continue marching on the capital until he resigned.

President Abulfaz Elcibey's departure was announced on national television by former state communist boss Geidar Aliyev who, as parliament speaker, took power. Mr. Elcibey's office said the president did not submit his resignation or give control to Mr. Aliyev.

"Geidar Aliyev has given him-self authority." said Arif Fehimov, leader of Mr. Elcibey's Popular Front. "Elcibey did not transfer authority to Aliyev and, God willing, will come back." Bur Mr. Aliyev, speaker of

Azerbaijan's parliament, denied that he had ousted Mr. Elcibey, saying he was only acting temporarily on the president's behalf. "President Elecibey is still the president, President Elcibey has not resigned and I have only

assumed authority to act on his behalf," Mr. Alilyev said in an address to the national assembly carried live on Azerbaijani radio. Mr. Elcibey fled Baku during the previous night and the Azerbaijani news agency Turana

quoted Mr. Aliyev as saying that he was acting on behalf of the president "only during his absence" from the capital. Mr. Aliyev's remarks appeared a climb-down from his assertion earlier Friday that he was 'assuming the responsibilities and duties as head of state in line

his Chesapeake home.

have fled to his native republic of Nakhichevan, an Azerbaijani enclave sandwiched between Armenia, Turkey and Iran, and Mr. Aliyev told the legislature that the president was still in Azerbai-

Mr. Aliyev, the Communist Party leader in Azerbaijan during the Brezhnev era, noted that Mr. Elcibey had not resigned and said he favoured resolving the political crisis in the country through

Mr. Aliyev's remarks to the assembly came as Turkey condemned the political developments in Baku, where it said there was a "vacancy of power" following
Mr. Elcibey's flight.

The apparent change in government was the second for Azerbaijan since the Soviet collapse in December 1991, and made Mr. Elcibey the third leader of a former Soviet republic to be forced from power, after Georgia and Tajikistan.

Mr. Élcibey's authority in the republic of seven million people has been weakened by a string of military defeats in the five-yearold war with Armenia over Nagorno-Karabakh, an ethnic Armenian enclave in Azerbaijan. The conflict has claimed thousands of lives and driven hundreds of thousands of people from their homes in Armenia and

Azerbaijan. For the past two weeks, the government has been fighting a rebellion led by Surat Huseynov. former army colonel demoted by Mr. Elcibey earlier this year in with provisions of the constitua disagreement about the war.

NEWS IN BRIEF

France 'never supported' U.S. embargo on Cuba

PARIS (AFP) - French Foreign Minister Alain Juppe attacked

Friday the U.S. embargo on Cuba, saying it was used by Havana as

a pretext to avoid dialogue with opposition groups. In a written

reply to a parliamentary question, Mr. Juppe said "France has

never supported the American embargo." He said the U.S.

embargo "increased the serious difficulties that Cuba is experienc-

ing, particularly in its economic and social system. The reply, read

out by Junior Foreign Minister Roger Romani, said France wanted

to help develop the Caribbean island's economy, but added that

long-term aid had to be tied to improvements in political dialogue

JAKARTA (AP) - A former navy lieutenant who murdered an

enlisted woman because she complained about his advances was

executed Thursday after refusing to fight his death sentence.

chair at 11:07 p.m. (0307 GMT), said Wayne Brown, operations officer at the Greensville correctional centre. Chabrol was convicted of the July 1991 rape and murder of Melissa Harrington in

Plane with 40 aboard crashes in Georgia

MOSCOW (AFP) - An Antonov-26 airliner with nearly 40 people

aboard crashed in eastern Georgia late Thursday, the Interfax news

agency reported Friday. The plane, which was on a flight from

Batumi in Georgia, to Chimkent in Turkmenistan, went down at 10:15 p.m. (1715 GMT) near the village of Choporti in the

Dushetsk region for unknown reasons, the agency said. An enquiry

team arrived on the scene Friday to determine the number of

casualties. The Antonov-26, which can carry up to 50 passengers, is

PARIS (AFP) — The French cabinet has nominated new ambassa-

dors to Italy, Britain and Israel and to the United Nations in

Geneva, Jean Louis Lucet, 60, ambassador to Israel since 1991.

will be transferred to Italy, while Jean Gueguinou, 52, ambassador

to the Czech republic, will move to Britain. Pierre Brochand, 52,

ambassador to Hungary, will replace Mr. Lucei in Israel. France's

new envoy to the United Nations in Geneva will be Michel dc

Malaysia hangs Australian on drug charges

CANBERRA (R) — Australian Michael McAuliffe was hanged in

Malaysia Friday on drug charges, the Australian government said.

Mr. McAuliffe, 32, was convicted in 1991 after being charged with

possession of 142 grammes (five ounces) of heroin. Australian

Foreign Foreign Affairs Minister Gareth Evans issued a statement

from London expressing his government's deep regret and sadness at McAuliffe's execution. Mr. McAuliffe was hanged at Kajang

prison, near Kuala Lumpur early Friday morning after the Penang

pardons board decided in March to uphold his death sentence, the

Gunman shoots ex-policeman dead in Belfast bar

BELFAST (AFP) - A masked gunman late Thursday shot dead a

former policeman at a pub on south Belfast in an attack claimed by the paramilitary Irish National Liberation Army (INLA), local police said. The Royal Ulster Constabulary (RUC) said the killer

walked into the bar at the York Hotel on Botanic Avenue and shot

the customer in the head. The victim, named unofficially, as John

Italian mafia member arrested in Greece

ATHENS (R) - Greek police said Friday they had arrested an

alleged member of the Italian mafia, who is wanted in Rome on

charges including murder and drug trafficking. Italy had issued an

international arrest warrant for 45-year-old Enrico Rispoli and will

shortly ask for his extradition from Greece, a police spokesman

told Reuters. "Enrico Rispoli, a member of the Nova Camora

mafia group, has been arrested. He is charged in Italy with murder,

drug trafficking and leading an illegal gang." the spokesman said. Mr. Rispoli was arrested in the seaside Athens suburb of Glyfada

PLO blames Abu Nidal for Lebanon attack

TYRE (AFP) - The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO)

Friday blamed the Fatch Revolutionary Council (FRC) of dissident

Abu Nidal for an assassination attempt in a Palestinian refugee

camp of southern Lebanon. A bomb killed the woman assailant

and seriously wounded her target, Ali Iskandar, an officer with the

PLO's mainstream Fatch group, another Fatch official said. Sultan Abu Al Ainain told AFP that the attack also seriously wounded Mr. Iskandar's wife, son and daughter. But he denied earlier

reports that Mr. Iskandar and his wife were killed.

outside a house he had rented.

Murphy, 38, an ex-RUC officer, died almost immediately.

an extended version of the twin-engine AN-24 built in 1960.

France names four new ambassadors

J. Chabrol, 36, was pronounced dead in Virginia's electric

with opponents of Fidel Castro's Communist regime.

Former U.S. navy officer is executed

Mr. Huseynov's estimated 45,000 fighters advanced to 100 kilometres east of Baku a few days ago and generally have held that line. But Col. Huseynov warned that his troops would continue advancing on the capital until Mr. Elcibey stepped down. Russian Parliament Speaker

Ruslan Khasbulatov said that Moscow had no part in the political turmoil in Azerbaijan. "I can definitely say that Russia is not involved in any action in

this direction," he told Turkey's Anatolia news agency in Istanbul, where he is attending a parliamentary meeting of the 11-nation Black Sea economic cooperation pact. "What we want is Azerbaijan's

stability. We are doing nothing against (the Azeri administration) or concerning it. We have no activity whatsoever," Mr. Khasbulatov declared.

Turkey's acting Prime Minister Erdal Inonu said the announcement by Mr. Aliyev that he had taken over as president was undemocratic and unconstitutional. and we pointedly referred to the new Azerbaijani strongman as an 'interim" head of state.

"It is not acceptable in the civilised world to change legal governments by acts of rebel-

Mr. Inonu said. Mr. Elcibey's apparent fall has been welcomed by Iran, whose fundamentalist system is regarded as the main competitor to secular Turkey for influence among the central Asian states emerging from the collapsed Soviet Union.

Rafsanjani sees 'bright

future'

TEHRAN (R) — President Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, predicting a bright future for Iran, said Friday his relatively low winning margin in last week's election would not deter him from

pushing free market reforms. In his first prayer sermon since he was reelected, he blamed the drop in his votes from 15.5 million in 1989 to 10.6 million last week partly on economic hardships but said the country had passed most of the difficulties

of restructuring. "It is like a car which has climbed to near the pass and before long it will hit the level road. I see a very bright future." he said in a sermon broadcast on

Tehran Radio. "I believe this is a rich country which can solve its problems over 10 years. The thing is that some people must take risks and accept responsibility in this period. "I am one of them." said the

58-year-old cleric. Mr. Rafsanjani won 62.9 per cent of the votes cast, down from 94.5 per cent in 1989 and the lowest for the winner in any of the six presidential races since the

1979 Islamic revolution. The turnout of 57 per cent was also a record low - although Mr. Rafsanjani stressed that it was still higher than the normal turnout in the United States and other

Western democracies. Mr. Rafsanjani's critics in the press blamed his reduced vote on economic policies which have sharply raised prices and made life more difficult in some respects than during the 1980-88

var with Iraq. His strongest challenger, newspaper editor Ahmad Tavakkoli who campaigned against government corruption and waste, received an unprecedented 23 per

Mr. Rafsanjani said his programme was to continue reforms carried out since the end of the Iran-Iraq war to transform the devastated and centralised eco-

"We will continue phasing out subsidies as long as the revolution

is not threatened," he said. He said he had expected the drop in his vote because this was normal for incumbents who tended to be blamed for any shortcomings in their first term. Noting that former President

Ali Khamenei received nearly

four million fewer votes on his

reelection in 1985 compared with his first victory four year earlier. Mr. Rafsanjani said: "That time some people had problems with the (lran-lraq) var, this time it is restructuring.

In both cases there was a disaffecting factor." Mr. Rafsanjani said foreign powers and internal enemies tried hard to create dissatisfaction and

reduce the turnout. Foreign suppliers delayed shipments of material for cooking oil. washing powder and serums to aggravate shortages before the election, he said without naming

"The ship carrying the cooking oil material docked at our port in the afternoon of the voting day." Rafsaniani said.



U.S. and Pakistani members of the U.N. force in Somalia Friday desplay weapons seized inside the

claimed Aideed forces killed 58 zers fired by American AC-130

MOGADISHU (Agencies) — Scout helicopters clattered across gray skies Friday as U.N. troops searched for warlord Mohammad Farrah Aideed, whose backers claimed more than 120 people were killed in U.N. attacks.

U.N. forces hit his compound with an air and ground assault on Thursday, but failed to capture the warlord. Aideed fighters fought back using women, chil-dren and hospital patients as shields, the United Nations said.

One Pakistani and five Moroccan U.N. peacekeepers were killed and 43 were wounded, U.N. spokesman Joe Sills said in New York. The number of Somali casualties was unclear but could range into the hundreds, given the firepower used in the assault. In Nairobi, Kenya, General

Aideed's Somali national alliance released a statement Friday saying the U.N. attack killed "more than 120 people, mainly women and children." A U.N. military spokesman denied on Friday that the Aideed

group had taken a number of peacekeeping troops prisoner. He said a statement Friday by Gen. Aideed's group that it took

several prisoners was false.
"It is totally false." Australian army Lieutenant-Colonel Trevor Jones told reporters. Gen. Aideed's Somali National

Alliance (SNA) said in a statement issued in Kenya that it took two U.S. soldiers and 12 Moroccan soldiers prisoners in Moga--

The SNA statement also

U.N. troops in Thursday's fight-

SNA spokesman Abdul Latif Mohammad Afdub said the prisoners would be held "until security is restored in Mogadishu." He declined to give further details.

"They were captured fighting. We will hold them until the whole environment is secure," he told Reuters, adding that the prisoners were in good condition. At the Pentagon, Lieutenant-

Commander Joe Gradisher said no U.S. or U.N. soldiers are

The United Nations and President Bill Clinton said the operation to crush Aideed's military capability ended successfully. But Admiral Jonathan Howe, the U.S. special envoy who ordered Gen. Aideed's arrest, would not rule out additional military

Adm. Howe told British radio. Friday morning that he "wouldn't say it was over.

"I would say it has reached a new stage," he said. "Our focus now is on arresting Gen. Aideed.'

Gen. Aideed, who is accused of masterminding a June 5 ambush that killed 23 Pakistani U.N. soldiers, escaped from his home during pre-dawn shelling that preceded Thursday's ground

When American and Pakistani soldiers stormed his two-storey, stucco house at mid-morning, they found it empty but badly damaged from strikes by howit-

airial gunships.
U.N. officials said in Mogadishu Friday that they did not know where Aideed was, but were getting a number of conflict-

ing tips.

In Washington on Thursday night, Mr. Clinton said Gen. Aideed's "military back ... has been broken" and he has largely lost his ability to disrupt U.N. humanitarian operations in

Fighting on Thursday engulfed much of the southern half of Mogadishu, which Gen. Aideed has controlled for nearly two years, and U.N. soldiers came under relentless sniper fire. Gen. Aideed's gunmen fired at

U.N. troops from behind hospital

patients at Digfer Hospital, near

the warlord's home and office. spokesman Sills said. U.N. forces in the field also reported that Somali foes with hand grenades "hid behind women and children until they

were within throwing distance" of U.N. troops, Mr. Sills reported. Mr. Sills said 36 Moroccan and three Pakistani peacekeepers were wounded, as well as three

French troops and an American The night passed peacefully and the dawn brought people and traffic back onto streets. A few

small shops and rickety stalls opened, and reporters encountered hostility only from die-hard-INS commissioner. She is now at Aideed supporters near his ruined home.

Clinton plans to curb illegal immigration

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bill Clinton Friday announced a U.S. government crackdown on smuggling of illegal immigrants by crime syndicates. It included efforts to combat immigrant smuggling at the source and sending home more of those who reach the United States.

"Deterring this transport in human cargo is a priority issue for the Clinton administration," the White House said in a statement. Mr. Clinton also announced plans to nominate Doris Meissner, a former Justice Department

Immigration official, to serve as commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalisation Service (INS). "We cannot afford to lose con-trol of our own borders," Mr. Clinton said. "Immigration must be priority for this administra-

With the new effort to combat smuggling, "the United States signals its abhorrence of the traffickings in human beings for pro-fit and its determination to combat this illegal activity," Mr. Clinton said. "At the same time, we reaffirm our commitment to safeguarding the protection of bonaide refugees

The new plan is designed to: Strengthen law enforcement efforts to combat alien smugging. including making alien smugglers subject to tough racketeering

- Combat smuggling operations at their source, working with source nations to stop crime syndicate smuggling operations. - New measures to intercept smuggling ships in transit.

- Greater effort to detain aliens who are smuggled into the United States.

The anti-smuggling initiative. drawn up by the National Security Council and other law enforcement agencies, aimed at stopping the flow of illegal immigrants from their home countries and discouraging their trans-port to the United States.

The problem received new attention after recent highly publicised interception of ship-loads of illegal thinese entrants entering U.S. ports.

Ms. Meissner served for several years in the Justice Department and once served as acting the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.



Israel falls for Elton's antics

TEL AVIV (AFP) — When the Eiton John opened a sell-off concert in Tel Aviv with the hit record "The Bitch Is Back," one of the most bizarre happenings in the way-out world of rock'n'roll before the concert Thursday night, the singer had fled Issued a huff complaining about shoddy treatment and fears for his safety. Israelis went into a frenzy of self-questioning after the 46-year-old superstar had been made to hang about a couple of hours at Tel Aviv airport and join the queues for passport control and customs allongside mere mortals.

When he finally reached his sear. ront luxury hotel Tuesday night, photographers scuffled with Elton's bodyguard and staff in the lobby as Elton hurdled over sofa to escape the pack. Elion is jumped straight back into a limo and demanded that his private plane fly back to England. "I am personally disgusted, surprised and amazed at the attitude that you people have" moaned Elton's manager Harvey Goldsmith. As the promoter blamed airport officials and newspapers pointed a finger at the promoter's failure to organise proper security, the British ambassador inter- 13/3/05 vened. Ambassador Andrew Burns sent a fax to Elton back in will England urging a speedy return. Israeli President Ezer Weizman added his voice to a cacophony of comments as television and radio opened their bulletins with latest twist of what was threatening to trigger a diplomatic incident. Israeli honour had clearly been wounded. "I can't change the manners of the Israeli people." Weizman said. "We don't others did. The red carpet was readied and Elton yielded to diplomatic pressure, returning for the one-off performance a day late Thursday. Performer and party flew back only a countle of party flew back only a couple of hours before the concert was due to start. They breezed through the airport in a matter of minutes — on the orders of the transport minister — and boarded two \$2500 waiting helicopters. The press were kept well away. "Thank you for your understanding," the \$1000 to the press were neutraliner told \$3,000 to the press of the press o fans at Ha Yarkon Park in an marians apology before winning them area at over with his tongue-in-cheek Etc. first song. Two encores later, = 43 4 Elton clambered into a waiting 🚟 🤊 helicopter for the airport and an Versa immediate exit in his private plane. Just five hours in Israe Francis

Jordan is a hit in restaurant business

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CHICAGO, Illinois (AFP) — If ARR: the success of Michael Jordan has 3 to 6 reached beyond the realms of A Vala basketball for some time, it has it forum only just extended to catering, is it is His restaurant, opened five ? weeks ago under the name of The Restaurant, but which plans a bar 300 1 Restaurant, but which plans and souvenir shop, is a big hit in the town, particularly at the time of the NBA playoffs between Phoenix and Chicago. It is not have Phoenix and Chicago. four hours for a table, and a smert four hours for a table, star, star along the star, star along the star. macaroni-cheese made from his wife's recipe, would set you bath nearly eight dollars. Or the way favourite pre-match meal of a choice cut of meat would cost nearly \$27. It's even trickier to make a telephone reservation. The local telephone company has recorded 5.800 "engaged" calls in just one day. People flock to the bar, the favoured place of ticketless supporters, who come specially to watch the matches on a \$350,000 2m by 6 m gaint screen. There is also the souvenir shop, which is graced with a giant reproduction of Jordan, and the walls are covered with photos and posters which trace every step of the career of "His Highness". For several fistfulls of dollars, the visitors can purchase T-shirts. caps, posters, all honouring their star. But the place dissolves into near uproar when Jordan himself with visits, as he normally does, two to three times a week, often with other basketball stars staying in. the town. Magic Johnson once appeared as well as most of Chicago's opponents in the play-offs. Atlanta Hawks, then the Cleveland Cavaliers, then New York Knicks and now the Phoenix Suns, led by Charles Barkley.

Money went to his head

HONG KONG (AFP) - Hong Kong police whisked a 41-yearold man off the streets here for disturbing the peace after he doled out \$20,000 to passers by. newspapers reported. Doctors at Queen Mary's Hospital were quoted as saying the man, Chan Hon-Ching, had received one million Hong Kong dollars (\$131,000) in worker's compensa tion for a head injury and was slightly disturbed.

Jordan welcomes Bosnians

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Islam," the King said. Most of the refugees who arrived in Amman Friday had been held in Serb-controlled detention camps before being released following an international outcry over the prisons reminiscent of Nazi camps dur-

ing World War II. Christian Serbs, trying to seize as much territory following the collapse of the Yugoslav republic last year and the proclaimed of splinter republies in the Balkans, are accused of "ethnic cleansing" of Muslims, including summary executions, rape and torture of

civilians. Some of the refugees who were wandering Friday in the corridors of the Umm Teen government school in Joffeh appeared dazed and haunted, and officials said they were still under the trauma of their experience in Serb hands.

"Most of them are traumatised," said one official. The story of Loriz Hazim, a 46-year-old soldier in the Bosnian army, appeard to portray the plight of many of the re-

Mr. Hazim, a native of Kijic village in Bosnia-Herzegovina, said he was taken from his home and detained for five months in a Serb prison before being released in October 1992. He was reunited with his wife and teenage daughter in

Croatia. The three flew "We were over 5,000 people in the (detation) camp, which was originally a stable," he told the Jordan Times. "An

average of 10 to 15 were executed every day." "Torture was a way of life in the camp," said Mr. Hazim, showing his deformed fingers

and tapping his chest and forehead. "My skull was fractured and five of my ribs were broken. I havbe difficulty in hearing." Mr. Hazim was among a few hundreds who were released

after humanitarian organisations, spurred by international television reports, raised an outery over Serb detention "The Manjaca camp was levelled to earth, but its in-

mates - or those who survived-

the ordeal - were transferred

to other detention centres," Mr. Hazim said. Speaking through volunteer

Nabil Nazzar, a Yugoslaveducated Jordanian physician, Mr. Hazim said: "I now feel like a very old man. He said he had lost track of his two brothers and sister as

well as of all members of his wife's family. "We don't know where they are, whether they are alive or

dead," he said.

Mr. Hazim said he has moved by the hospitality that Jordan was offering him and

his family. "I hope to return home soon and that I will be able to reciprocate for the kindness of

Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, accompanied by His Royal Highness Prince Faisal, Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ben Zeid, acting Prime Minister Ma'an Abu Nowar, Royal Court advisor Izzeddine Khatib Al Tamimi, Minister of Awgaf and Islamic Affairs Abdul Salam Abbadi and other senior officials, welcomed the refugees at Amman

The refugees were flown aboard an RJ plane, which flew to Zagreb Thursday evening after completing a regular flight to Paris.

Jordan has contributed over 1,000 members of its security forces to the U.N. peacekeeping operations in former Yugoslavia. It has also sent several shipments of relief sup-King Hussein was the second

head of state to visit the strifetorn area in September 1992. Crown Prince Hassan visited the area twice in the last eight months. The Joffeh school will serve

as temporary bome for all the 420 Bosnians expected in Jordan, relief officials said. Most basic amenities, in-

cluding furnished kitchens and clinics, are available in the building in addition to television and radio, Families are accommodated in partitioned segments of clas-

srooms. Many Jordanians who have had their education in Yugoslavia and therefore speak the language have volun-teered to help the refugees.



His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, early Friday receives Bosnian refugees arriving in Amman (Photo by Yousef Al 'Allan)



Her Royal Highness Princess Rahma Bint Al Hassan Friday visits Bosnian refugees at their bousing quarters in Amman (Photo by